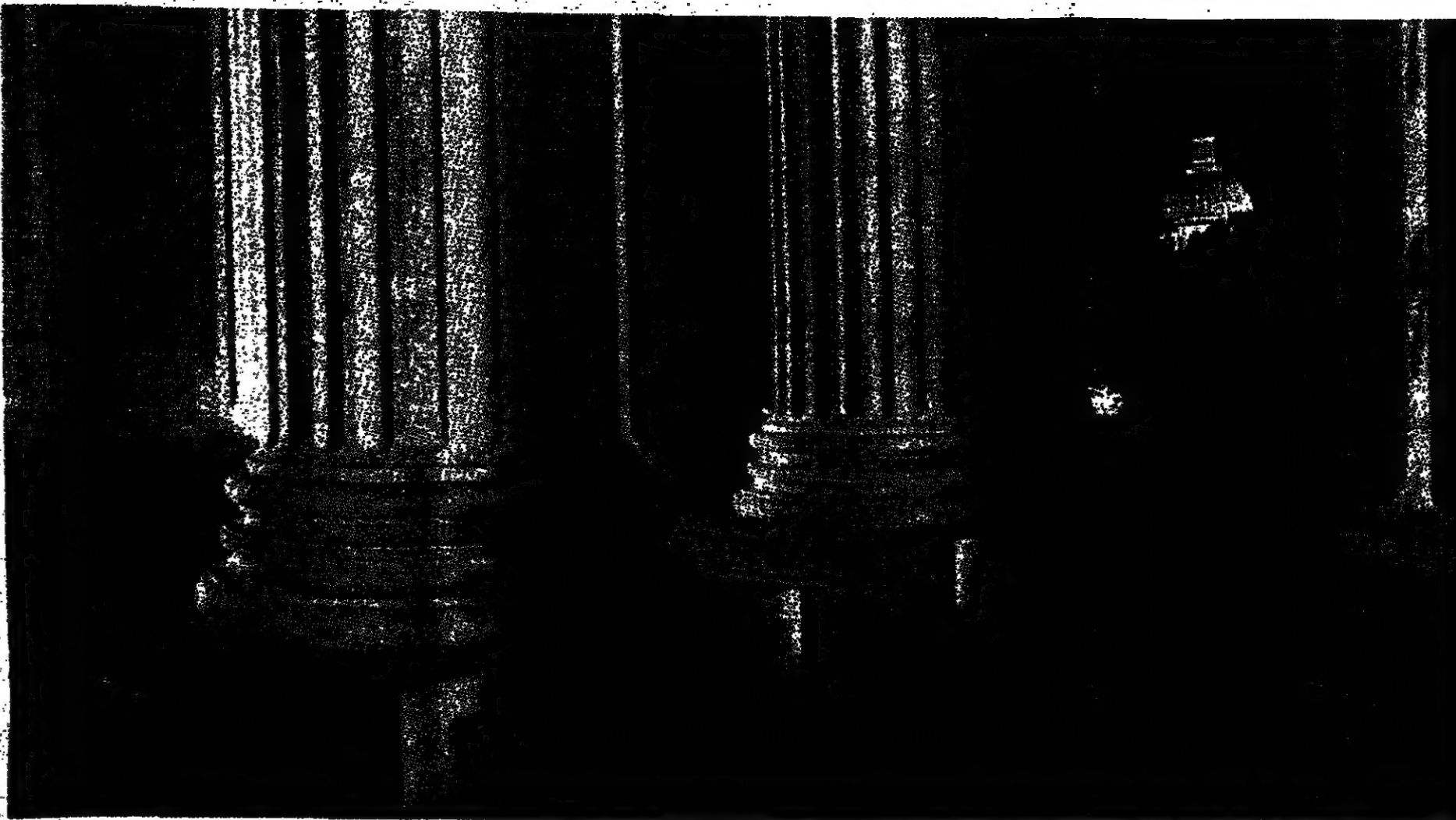


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Supreme Court: liberal justices win points in recent decisions

The 'Nixon court' bends toward liberals—but not far

By C. Robert Zelnick
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Washington
Liberal justices on the U.S. Supreme Court are winning majorities for their views far more than in the past—but at a distinct cost.
To win over conservative justices of the so-called 'Nixon court' the liberal bloc has had to define issues before the court far more narrowly than it would have wished, court observers believe.
The result has been alliances that would have been considered strange

only a term or two back—and uncertainty as to whether the tactic can work when a really difficult and controversial decision comes along.
Such an issue could be capital punishment, a decision which is expected later this term.
The court's attention has turned so far this term to more subtle issues than last term—now that many Warren-era criminal precedents are modified, and the emotional school busing issue has been essentially resolved by the Detroit decision last term.
Liberal justices have prevailed on a number of cases such as banning

'prior restraint' on free speech, freedom of the press, sex discrimination, impoundment of federal funds, due process in garnishment proceedings, enforcement of anti-trust laws, and others. But in each case, their success was tempered. Instead of broad, binding precedents, the compromise rulings were specific and limited.

Some triumphs listed

Examples of liberal 'victories':
● Last week a five-judge majority, led by Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun, ruled that the Chattanooga, Tenn., Municipal Board, by

denying the play 'Hair' a permit to run in the city's civic center without seeing the play first, had imposed 'prior restraint' on free expression, protected by the First Amendment.

The play now must be permitted to run in the Chattanooga Civic Center, but nothing in the court's decision would prevent the city fathers from closing the play after a single performance and arresting the cast and producers: thus beginning all over again litigation on the question of the 'obscenity' of the play.

● In holding unanimously that the President must allocate all funds

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Fresh breezes in Congress

By Peter C. Stuart

Washington
Folks on a postal route in Council Bluffs, Iowa, were surprised one day last month to find their mail being delivered by their congressman.
Two days later, patients at a veterans' hospital in Des Moines were equally astonished to discover the same Honorable Gentleman tending as a nurse's aide.

Congressional moonlighting? No, just Rep. Thomas R. Harkin putting in his 'workdays' back home—only one of a trunkful of new ideas—either fresh or half-baked, depending on your point of view—which the 81 freshmen senators and representatives have brought with them to Washington.

The freshman Democrat logged 25 'workdays' during his election campaign last year—including one-day flings at quarrying limestone in Logan, hailing hay in Cass County, riveting truck bodies in Council Bluffs, and keeping house in suburban Greenfield. An aide reckons it's '40 percent of why he got elected' in this bastion of grain-belt Republicanism.

'One of our major problems today is that Representatives in Washington don't know what ordinary work is like, Mr. Harkin says. 'You can't really represent people unless you know what they're going through in their daily lives.'

A sample of other ideas:
● Pocket paintbrush. Elected to Congress as a housepainter, Rep. Edward P. Beard (D) of Rhode Island carries a paintbrush in his breast pocket so he won't forget his unpretentious origins.
It's there to remind him, he says, 'if I ever get carried away with myself—because my salary will triple—that I'm a workman.' After all, he has a reputation to uphold: This high school dropout, former window washer and ex-shoe-shine boy is the only bona fide laborer in Congress.

● Permanent open door. His winning campaign slogan had been 'Open government hinges on your vote'; so Sen. Richard B. Stone (D) of Florida has taken the door to his private office right off its hinges. Literally nothing goes on behind closed doors.

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Peace Corps-VISTA chief in congressional cross fire

By Louise Sweeney
Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

Washington
'It is not my intention to preside over a wake,' said Action Director Michael P. Balzano at his confirmation hearings in March, 1973.

Yet now, two years later, Mr. Balzano's directorship is under such fierce attack that he is in danger of presiding over that wake: for the passing of the nation's first federal volunteer agency, with its staff of 1,700 and its nearly 160,000 volunteers involved in such programs as the Peace Corps, VISTA, RSVF (Retired Senior Volunteers Program), Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), and ACE (Advice Corps of Executives).

This newspaper has learned that criticism of Mr. Balzano's management has reached such a pitch that two special congressional hearings will shortly be announced. A draft of legislation dismantling the agency if he is not removed is waiting in the wings.

Special hearing

The House subcommittee on equal opportunities is about to announce special oversight hearings on April 9 and 10 on Action's direction under Mr. Balzano.

Subcommittee chairman Augustus

F. Hawkins (D) of California said in an interview: 'The purpose of the hearings... is twofold: first, to determine whether domestic volunteer programs, in particular the Older Americans Act programs [RSVP, Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents] should remain under the Action umbrella or be transferred to other agencies. [Congressional sources] point out that these programs contain 90 percent of the volunteers at Action and their exodus would be fatal to the agency.'

'Second, to look into charges of mismanagement, abuse of the civil-

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New Pavlova thrills Moscow

By Elizabeth Pond
Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Moscow
This ballet-mad city has a new darling. Nineteen-year-old Nadezhda Pavlova won the hearts of Muscovites in her guest Bolshoi debut Sunday as Giselle.

Her triumph was hardly unexpected, of course. Soviet audiences have been eager to see her perform ever since she won the grand prix at the International Ballet Competition in Moscow three years ago.

Before the performance the crush of would-be spectators extended several blocks from the august gold-and-purple theater. And the morning before her debut the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda set the tone for the dancer's reception by writing: 'Today will be a festival for the ballerina. And not for her alone—but for all people who hold dear the great art of ballet.'

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Public protests, seal slaughter goes on

By Harry B. Ellis
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The Christian Science Monitor

Washington
Hundreds of letters pour daily into the Norwegian Embassy in Washington, protesting the clubbing to death of baby harp seals along the Labrador coast. But the clubbing goes on.

Indeed, the annual spring hunt now is in full swing, with Norwegian and Canadian sealers—the only two nations involved—each authorized to take 60,000 seals, most of them babies, prized for their snow-white coats.

Clattering above the hunt in a helicopter, observing the killing, is Brian Davies, a Canadian whose International Fund for Animal Welfare (IWWF) triggered the flood of protest letters to the Norwegian Embassy.

Almost all the letters, said a Norwegian spokesman, come from the U.S. The IWWF's campaign, featuring newspaper ads urging readers to denounce the slaughter of baby seals, was aimed first at Canada, then Norway.

Steps taken

'Last year,' says Norwegian diplomat Harald S. Nidthum, 'at least 100,000 protest letters came to the embassy.' Now the total is two or three hundred a day.

Any effect? Definitely on Canada, says Arthur Mansfield of Canada's Bureau of Marine Fisheries. The IWWF campaign, and those of other humane societies, 'brought the whole matter to the attention' of the Canadian Minister of Environment, 'and steps were taken to improve matters.'

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AP photo

Baby harp seal

U.S. reappraising basic strategies

Mideast war still considered unlikely though talks stall

By Dana Adams Schmidt
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Washington
The Kissinger failure to break the Mideast impasse will help lead to a reappraisal of American foreign policy that will go beyond diplomatic tactics to basic United States strategies around the world.

This estimate came from a high level State Department source after Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger

New unity bid by Arabs
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AP photo

Kissinger, Ford: still hope

had reported to a bipartisan group of congressional leaders at the White House.

'Perhaps the big lesson to be learned from this failure, combined with reverses in Southeast Asia,' said this official, 'is that the United States has been trying to do too much.'

'We have tried to be the peace-makers in the Middle East while keeping the Russians at arm's length, and we have tried through our allies to keep the Communists at bay in [Southeast Asia].'

'Perhaps the United States must accept the reality that in 1975 American power and influence cannot achieve the kinds of things it did 20 years ago.'

The source emphasized that his observations were personal, not to be taken as official statements. But they were highly informative.

Tone change

[Meanwhile, the White House tone on the Mideast Monday showed a marked change, reported Monitor correspondent Godfrey Sperling Jr. [Spokesman Ron Nessen, in saying

that President Ford had ordered 'a total reassessment of all aspects' of U.S. policy, seemed to be implying that Israel stood to lose more U.S. support unless it helped break the impasse. And instead of Kissinger references to a 'sad day' for the U.S., Mr. Nessen reported that the prospect for war 'was highly unlikely, the President hopes.' He said that talks had been suspended, and could be resumed, and that 'there is momentum for a peaceful settlement.'

[This seemed to be an effort to put the best possible face on the situation, which until Monday has been painted in gloomy terms, Mr. Sperling reported.]

In the Middle East it is apparent that the era of American diplomatic dominance that began after the October, 1973, war, has ended.

After October, 1973, Secretary Kissinger established himself as media-

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Phnom Penh spit 'n polish while front lines shrink

By Daniel Southard
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The Christian Science Monitor

Phnom Penh, Cambodia
A reporter returning from a visit to sometimes barefoot soldiers on the defense perimeter of Phnom Penh cannot but notice all the well-shined combat boots which the rear-service Army men in the capital are wearing.

Even at this late and apparently desperate stage, Phnom Penh is overflowing with well-equipped deskmen and, everyone seems to agree, far too many generals.

The new Army Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Sak Sutsakhan, is said to be

looking for ways to trim the fat so as to give more support to the frontlines. But reforms have been much talked about here before. Despite the tenacity of the Communist-led insurgents, the Phnom Penh command has, in the past, displayed a remarkable lack of urgency about doing all that is necessary for the men up front.

In February the high command managed to gather together some 2,500 to 3,000 rear-service soldiers and dispatch them to front-line units which desperately needed replacements. Well-informed sources say that many of these men, apparently unhappy at having to leave the relative comforts of Phnom Penh, have deserted.

There was once much talk about retiring quite a few generals but, according to the best estimates, there are at least 70 of them. At the start of the war the Army had only about a dozen generals. Their proliferation is explained partly by the rapid expansion of the Army as a whole. But at some point the promotion of officers to general rank got out of hand, it seems.

There was also talk at one time of cutting down on the number of body guards and staff aides assigned to the generals. Staffs were to be slashed to a minimum, it was said.

But while front-line units called out for replacements, rear-service generals still seemed to retain more than their share of assistants and hangers-on. It is no secret that, if a man has enough money, he can buy himself a desk job in Phnom Penh.

Some Cambodians are convinced that corruption will turn out to be the key factor in what they see as an inevitable government defeat.

'With the corruption, the domination of the Reds is inevitable, whether the population wants it or not,' said a Cambodian journalist.

'I can understand why the American people don't want to help any more,' he said. 'It's because of the corruption.'

While rear-service officers benefit from corruption, the troops on the defense perimeter are, in many cases, still not even paid their meager salaries on time. Some say that they have to buy their own uniforms.

If a soldier is killed in action, it is by no means certain that his widow will get the compensatory payment which is due her. An anti-corruption commission in the Cambodian Senate has been questioning Army authorities to try to find out why many widows fail to get assistance.

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Last Western Red Sea port in jeopardy

By Geoffrey Godsell
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The only Western position left on the flank of the Red Sea narrows by which shipping passes to and fro between the Suez canal (and Israel) and the Indian Ocean is under challenge.

The position is Djibouti, port and capital of France's last colonial toehold in Africa, the Territory of Afar and Issa, once known as French Somaliland.

Spotlighting the challenge as this week began was the kidnapping of the French Ambassador to Somalia, Jean Gueury. He was seized by four armed men as he left Sunday evening service in the Roman Catholic cathedral in Mogadishu, the Somali capital. His captors demanded, in return for his release, the freeing of two Somalis serving sentences in jails in France for having attempted to assassinate the Premier of the Territory of Afar and Issa, Ali Aref. Mr. Aref is looked on by his Somali critics as too pro-French and too authoritarian.

Djibouti's importance to the West has increased as Western positions elsewhere astride the southern entrance to the Red Sea have been eroded. Once there was Aden—but that port now is capital of the pro-Marxist and anti-Western People's Democratic Republic of (South) Yemen. And once there was the Eritrean

U.S. diplomacy criticized

Arab world hunting post-Kissinger unity

By John K. Cooley
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The Christian Science Monitor

Beirut, Lebanon

Arab governments are discussing how best to organize their military, political, oil, and economic resources to face Israel either at the peace conference table in Geneva or on the battlefield.

Failure of U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's efforts to secure a new Egypt-Israel disengagement accord is spurring divided Arab regimes into new efforts at unity.

At an Arab League foreign ministers meeting in Cairo Monday, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy reported on the Kissinger mission and its failure. A high-level meeting of Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is expected soon in Damascus, following a visit by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to President Sadat in Cairo.

PLO calls Egypt, Iraq

Zuheir Mohsen, head of the PLO's military department, in a statement in Damascus invited Egypt and Iraq to join the joint Syria-PLO command proposed by Syrian President Hafez al-Assad recently.

Though neither President Sadat nor Foreign Minister Fahmy have blamed Dr. Kissinger publicly — Mr. Fahmy praised the Secretary of State's efforts — there is a bitter note in commentaries by the leading Egyptian publicists.

Ihsan Abdel Kaddous, board chairman of the respected Cairo newspaper, Al-Ahram, predicted Monday, "The mandate of UN forces in Sinai (expiring April 21) will most likely not be extended. This will be followed by war."

Mr. Abdel Kaddous, who supported the Kissinger initiative and who is close to Mr. Sadat, goes on to hint that Secretary Kissinger misled the Egyptian President.

Kissinger criticized

The U.S. Secretary must have known in advance that his mission would fail, Mr. Abdel Kaddous says. President Ford's message to Israeli leaders blaming them was only a "cover-up," which "attributed this failure to Israel so the U.S. may

continue to appear as the angel of peace in the area," he charged.

"Therefore, Kissinger did not fail, but has fulfilled his mission," Mr. Abdel Kaddous concluded ironically.

Pro-American editor Mustafa Amine of the newspaper Al-Akhar spoke of Egyptian "sadness." Dr. Kissinger's failure, he said, "is also a defeat for the U.S. in the Middle East, after America's diplomatic defeats in Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus, the rise of a leftist regime in Portugal, as well as military defeats in Vietnam and Cambodia."

Beirut view of U.S.

The Arab World, a daily Beirut newsletter, reported from the United States that the pro-Israel lobby "has already begun to apply the squeeze on the Ford administration." The "president's committee," composed of heads of Jewish fund-raising groups, was meeting in New York Monday "to head off what was described as possible corrosion in U.S. support after failure of the Kissinger mission."

"Kissinger's fate," speculated the newsletter, "may not be any better than that of his predecessor, (former Secretary of State) William P. Rogers. Both have been consumed by Israel and its pressure on the U.S."

The Arab World editorialized, "The failure of the Kissinger mission is primarily due to Washington's inability or reluctance to put pressure on Israel" as U.S. presidential elections approach again and congressmen vie for pro-Israel funds and political backing.

Kissinger seen fading

"In suspending the talks with Kissinger," the Arab World continued, "the Israelis appeared confident of their position within the U.S., without which Israel cannot even survive."

"Predictions have been" that "Kissinger's entire political future is on the line, and that it would not be long before he fades from the scene, just as William Rogers did" after proposing his "Rogers Plan" for a total Israeli withdrawal from Sinai in 1970, the newsletter said.

"He will be another victim," it predicted, "of what certain publications in the U.S. recently described as the Israeli monkey on the U.S. back."

Italian Communists strive for image

Though they draw a sizable vote, their party must fend off reaction to Portuguese events

By David Willey
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Rome

The 14th Congress of the Italian Communist Party, which ended here Sunday, did its utmost to convince Italian voters that if ever the Communists came to power they would not start banning the opposition, as in Portugal.

Events in Portugal have been used by the Christian Democrat Party leader, Amintore Fanfani, to score over his political enemies just at the moment when they were relaunching the idea of a grand alliance of Communists and Christian Democrats as the solution to Italy's ills.

Observers walk out

The Christian Democrats walked out of the Communist meeting, which they were attending as observers, gleefully pointing out that the Communists show scant respect for civil liberties in Portugal and would no

Kurdish rebels flee

By the Associated Press

Beirut, Lebanon
Thousands of Kurdish rebels are reported fleeing their small enclave in northern Iraq and surrendering their guns either to the Iranian Army or the forces of the Arab Socialist regime in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

Returning travelers from Kurdistan, near the Iranian border, reported confusion and gloom in the mountain villages after Mullah Mustafa Barzani told his Pesh Merga guerrillas their 15-year war for autonomy had ended.

Baghdad radio claimed General Barzani had already fled the country and might seek political asylum in the United States. The Iraqi news agency said one of his sons, Idris, had asked for sanctuary in Switzerland.

Government spokesmen in Baghdad claimed up to 11,000 Kurds had surrendered to the Iraqi Army in the past few days.

doubt act in the same way if they were once allowed into government here.

The Communists have responded by distinguishing between the way fascism was overthrown in the two countries and pointing out that the old established Italian Christian Democrat Party represents one of the main threads of Italian life, while the new Portuguese Christian Democratic Party was set up only a month ago.

The Italian Communist Party leaders, Enrico Berlinguer, opened the Rome congress with an exhaustive analysis of the problems of the capitalist world in general and Italy in particular. He made it clear that Italy would remain within the Atlantic alliance if the Communists came to power in order not to upset the international equilibrium of détente between the superpowers. He admitted that it was not proving easy to build a truly democratic regime in Portugal. He then went on to expound what the Communists call the "historic compromise" or the proposed alliance between Roman Catholics and Communists, which now has been decisively rejected by the Catholic party.

Soviet comment withheld

The chief Soviet delegate to the Italian congress, Andrei Kirilenko, a member of the Soviet Politburo, said later that he had listened with interest to the speech of the Italian party leader, whom he described cordially as a leading exponent of the international Communist movement.

But the Russians are evidently in two minds about the unorthodox Italian road to communism. Italian correspondents in Moscow have been noting that Pravda has conspicuously failed to explain to its readers exactly what the historic compromise involves.

Mr. Berlinguer argues that the idea of an alliance between Catholics and Communists is not new, as it was

approved by the early ideologists of the Italian party. In spite of the Italian Communists' good record of following the democratic rules while they have been in opposition, there is still a lot of distrust here about how the Communists would behave in office, and the Christian Democrats are cashing in on this distrust to try to win votes in the forthcoming local elections in June.

The mathematics of the Italian vote are critical. Although there are only 1.6 million Communist Party card holders, the Communists polled more than 9 million votes in the last general election in 1972, representing 27.2 percent of the total. The Christian Democrats polled 33.7 percent. If the Christian Democrats fall below 35 percent they are in trouble, as they will have lost their chances of forming a workable coalition with the minor parties of the Center and Left. A recent secret poll carried out by the Interior Ministry suggested that the two leading parties are now running neck and neck.

Lower voting age

A new variable is the lowering of the voting age to 18 in time for the next vote in June. The Communists are expected to pick up a high



Enrico Berlinguer

proportion of these 3 million new voters.

In this atmosphere, the Communist Party congress and Communist proposals for the future take on added importance. For the first time in the history of modern Italy there appears a possibility of the Communists' winning the constitutional right to dictate the shape of future governments.

★ Fresh breezes in Congress

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"I'm against all closed meetings, except those dealing with national defense or security," he explains. And that includes the caucuses of his own party colleagues, which he boycotts.

Voluntary pay cut. Vowing that inflation fighting begins with his own paycheck, Rep. Larry L. Pressler (R) of South Dakota has docked himself a 10 percent pay cut (\$4,250 of his annual congressional salary of \$42,500).

The only hitch is that the federal Treasury won't take it back. So he is giving it to his home state, where, he retorts, it will be "more efficiently spent" anyway.

• Free phone. Constituents across the 140-mile length of Indiana's Second Congressional District — from the industrialized Lake Michigan shoreline near Chicago to rural Tippecanoe in mid-state — and telephone the local office of Rep. Floyd J. Fithian for free. And more than 50 do so daily, with everything from questions about their social security to advice on world problems.

The Democratic lawmaker is the only one in the country to offer voters a free, area-code-800 phone number. "The more they communicate with me," he says, "the more I can respond to their wishes."

• Pastel walls. Federal bureaucrats told Rep. Gladys N. Spellman (D) of Maryland that they would paint her Capitol Hill office any color she wishes — so long as it was either cream, beige, tan, light green, or light blue.

Her taste offended, she bolted out and brought canary yellow and dusky cantaloupe, only to learn that the government painters wouldn't apply it. So her staff did the job themselves. Next goal: a cheery red carpet.

★ New Pavlova thrills Moscow

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Miss Pavlova's vehicle was a traditional debut role for young ballerinas — and indeed, the ingenue role suited her so perfectly that it might have been made especially for her.

"Giselle," an old Russian favorite, was kept alive in St. Petersburg for years after it disappeared from European repertoires in the 19th century. It was revived in the West only after Europeans rediscovered the ballet in Russian productions. Miss Pavlova's debut marked the 560th Bolshoi performance of "Giselle" — and its 378th in the present staging.

Miss Pavlova's performance obviously lived up to advance expectations. An audience that included prima ballerina Maya Plisetskaya, the company's usual Giselle, Natalya Bessmertnova, and other Bolshoi greats broke into applause and shouts of "Bravo" almost as soon as the young ballerina from Perm began her first solo.

In character Miss Pavlova moved easily from unspooled peasant girl in love to distraught discoverer of her

lover's identity to ghost. If she felt any shyness about her fabled debut it showed not in her dancing but only in her worried look during the first act curtain calls.

Flowers thrown

In the second act a clique of Moscow boosters saw to it that Miss Pavlova's handsome partner, the Bolshoi's Alexander Bogatyrev, got the loudest bravos for his spectacular leaps.

By the final curtain, however, Miss Pavlova reigned supreme. The audience poured down the aisles to throw flowers at her feet and gave her a standing rhythmic ovation for a quarter of an hour. And Mr. Bogatyrev himself directed all the attention to her.

In the end the Moscow audience won over the young ballerina fully as much as she won over the audience. By the last curtain calls her ultra-serious look had vanished. Nadezhda Pavlova, now an established star, broke into a radiant smile.

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Cattlemen push 'beef, not grain,' for foreign aid

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New York
Even without his Stetson, you know he's a cattleman.

Talking in a soft drawl while sinking his knife into a thick, rare beef steak, Gordon Van Vleck explains that he has come to the big city to round up support for a proposal that, he says, could help feed many of the world's needy, starving people.

The president of the 260,000-member American National Cattlemen's Association (ANCA) says he hopes to convince the United States Government and the various international relief agencies that surplus beef instead of grain should make up the bulk of U.S. foreign-aid shipments.

While he is having lunch with the group of New York reporters, the United States is announcing agreement to send 800,000 tons of wheat worth \$128 million to India as part of the Food for Peace program.

Surplus charged

Mr. Van Vleck contends that while grain is "in somewhat short supply and relatively expensive," the United States has "a tremendous beef surplus" which is driving beef prices down and threatening to wipe out many cattlemen.

Unless something happens, the cattleman contends, herds will dwindle, prices will rise, and beef shortages will result.

Without having had a chance to

study the cattlemen's proposal, international relief agencies initially reacted with caution to the idea. Fred W. Devine, deputy executive director of CARE, Inc., cited three difficulties he foresaw with shipping beef:

1. The relative high cost of beef over grain would put a severe dent in the limited budgets of voluntary relief organizations.

2. The cans of beef have a "short shelf life" in tropical climates; they tend to pop open when warm.

3. Shipping problems would be greater.

Nevertheless, a spokesman for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations said any "sensible measure," if the mechanics of shipping could be worked out, would be applauded.

Nations where acceptable

Beef would probably be acceptable in African nations, and in Bangladesh, but not in India, where no beef is eaten.

Cattle specialists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture say short feed supplies led to the current record number of slaughtered beef cattle. Because of the oversupply, they expect beef prices to remain at their current level, with only slight increases in May and June.

They share cattlemen's concern over the plight of the industry but do not expect beef shortages to occur before 1977 at the earliest. Cattlemen currently are liquidating herds, slaughtering their animals at an earlier age.

More food, but many more mouths

The fight on hunger in the world slows down

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Food prices have declined in the United States, an agreement to supply India with 800,000 tons of wheat at concessional terms before June has been worked out, and many look to bumper crops in North America in 1975.

What has that done to world food hunger, ask experts? Very little, they reply, while global population increases 90 million a year.

One recent estimate says U.S. population is now 8 percent of the earth's 4 billion people, having dropped from 6 percent in the past year because American population increases more slowly than the hungry nations'.

Half are hungry

"Today at least half of the world's people are hungry," says Michael L. Rosenzweig of the University of New Mexico. "The American food situation is extraordinarily rich. With less than 6 percent of the world's population the U.S. eats about 35 percent of the world's food."

Fertilizer would help hungry nations, and in the U.S. 25 percent of the fertilizer goes for lawns, gardens, golf courses, and cemeteries, Mr. Rosenzweig says, but there is no way of getting it economically abroad. Quadrupled oil prices have made fertilizer derived from oil prohibitively expensive in many have-not countries.

The world's exploding population presents the wealthy nations with a moral dilemma hardly equalled since the debate over the theories of Malthus and Darwin that each species tends to propagate itself without limit.

Philip Handler, president of the National Academy of Sciences, says that only an all-out, gigantic effort by the developed countries can meet the hunger problem, short of which, he argues, "It might be wiser to let nature take its course."

Earl Butz, Secretary of Agriculture, denounces alarm over food scarcity as "hysteria." Besides India, the department "has now signed agreements with nine different countries for a total of 2.5 million tons [21.9 million bushels] of wheat" in the marketing year ending June 30, 1975.

Hardly keep up

These exports, however, hardly keep up with new mouths to feed. At the World Population Conference at Bucharest last August, and at the World Food Conference at Rome last November, underdeveloped countries blamed hunger not on their expanding population but on failure of wealthy countries to share more of their surplus. Population growth rates would decline, they argued, if their nations became industrialized.

Views on world hunger seem to divide in three. Those in the first, like Secretary Butz, question if a problem exists. A second school argues that

population control is unnecessary: This is the view of the Vatican and of Russian and Chinese ideologues, who feel that reform of social conditions will cure hunger problems. The third school is at present led by demographers who see a kind of survival-of-the-fittest struggle working out.

William and Joseph Paddock in the 1960s wrote a book, "Famine-1976!" forecasting present hunger; agronomist Garrett Hardin used a lifeboat analogy — that there are only so many seats to go around; and Michael Rosenzweig in a new book, "And Replenish the Earth," sees no solu-

tion save population control, either voluntary or by natural causes.

The moral issue shaping up is not completely between compassionate and noncompassionate, but between those who differ as to whether exporting food helps in the long run.

Demographers like the Paddocks are introducing the word "triage" which means dividing poor countries into three: those who can be saved, those who can't, and those in between. With only so much food to go around, "triage" would eliminate succor from countries that don't control population.

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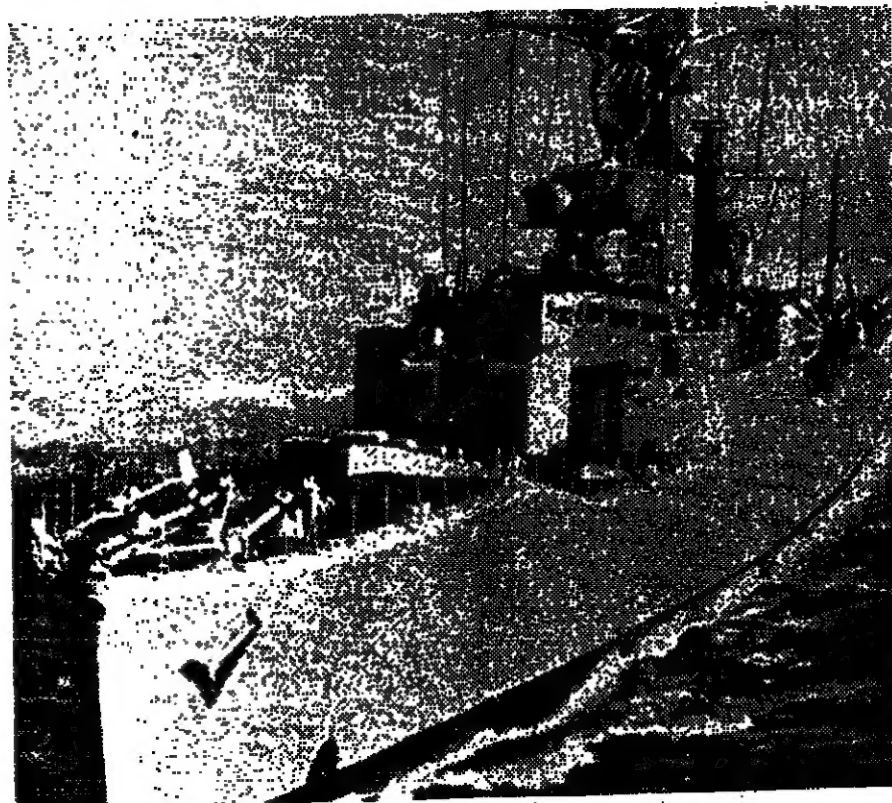
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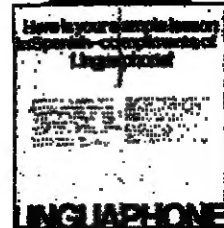
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Energy 'farm' planted

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San Diego, Calif. Marine scientists have "planted" the world's first energy farm in the sea.

Working under the direction of Dr. Howard A. Wilcox, consultant at the U.S. Naval Undersea Center (NUC) in San Diego, they are studying the fuel and food possibilities of giant kelp, a seaweed that can grow as much as two feet in a day and reach 200 feet in length.

Kelp already provides extracts for such diverse uses as an emulsifier for salad oil and a binder for paints. Now the project's chief scientist, Wheeler J. North of the California Institute of Technology, thinks kelp might be a prolific source of vegetable matter for conversion to synthetic natural gas (methane).

While Dr. North and his associates have been making preliminary studies, Dr. Wilcox's team has been setting up an experimental kelp farm for field tests. It covers seven undersea acres near the north end of the U.S. Navy's San Clemente Island site.

Wild kelp gathered

Here, Harold Joerding of NUC and a team of divers are gathering kelp

from natural beds. They will fasten three thousand plants to a 500-foot by 600-foot rope raft submerged 40 feet below the sea's surface.

They tie each holdfast (the organ with which the seaweed grips its support) tightly with a nylon rope, which will not disintegrate. Eventually, the holdfasts should entwine around the rope in their continuous growth processes. This part of the experiment should help determine whether or not large quantities of giant kelp will thrive on artificial bottoms that are anchored in water deeper than the kelp's natural habitat.

The site puts the plants to a severe test. They suffer wave action, winds, and a water temperature range (mid-50s to 70 degrees F.) typical of the open ocean.

If the kelp can survive these at the San Clemente energy farm, Dr. North expects the plants could "grow in just about any ocean environment in the same temperature range." If the plants do take hold on the seven-acre farm, the next "planting" probably will be one mile square. "Eventually," Dr. North says, "the farms may be 100 miles in diameter."

Dr. Wilcox thinks that "kelp grown in sufficient quantities in sea farms might provide the world with a vast

amount of petroleum-like products for generating food, fuels, electric power. He adds that "operation of a 1,000-acre farm by 1980 will be proof of the concept" which he originated. He further thinks that the first commercial-scale 100,000-acre farm should be in operation by 1985.

As the research progresses, Dr. Wilcox expects that about 10 percent of the output of the farms will be used for food, 30 percent for fertilizers and plastics, and 60 percent for synthetic gas and other fuels.

Eventually, kelp might be fed to sea urchins, abalone, and fish on marine farms. The mollusks and fish could then be fed to poultry and farm animals.

If the marine biologists find that the ocean doesn't provide enough nutrients near the water's surface for satisfactory kelp farming, then engineers could pump nutrients from about 1,000 feet down, using pumps driven by wave action. The nutrients they are after are mainly nitrogen and phosphorus that can be obtained from dead microscopic plants settling to the bottom.

Marine scientists will also study ways to develop energy farms in the tropics by pumping nutrient-rich, deep, cool water into the farms so that temperate-water seaweeds could thrive there.

Struggling Lesotho pins its hopes on hunt for oil

By Henry S. Hayward
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Maseru, Lesotho Like most black African nations, Lesotho still is hoping to strike oil under its barren, rocky soil. Drilling continues but results so far have been negative.

"Oil is our best hope for the future," a Maseru businessman explained. "Our other resources are not very encouraging at the moment."

Lesotho's well-publicized diamond gemstones meanwhile have proved disappointing. The big South African De Beers Company took over local diamond production and invested \$25 million in machinery to replace old hand digging methods. But unlike Botswana's new diamond bonanza,

this country's production has declined. Total output last year was valued at only about \$340,000.

The United Nations' Development Program now is looking for other minerals such as coal, copper, and uranium here.

Backward farming

Farming techniques are described as two centuries old. So outdated is the system that Lesotho is left chronically short of foodstuffs, causing a drain on its modest foreign-exchange earnings.

One problem in agriculture is poor land, cut up under ancient Basuto tribal laws into tiny, uneconomical plots. Another is the Basuto love of cattle, which leads to overgrazing. Still other factors are lack of equipment, fertilizer, and irrigation facilities. Soil erosion is visible almost everywhere.

One also can look down on the Maseru River which marks the border with South Africa and see rich fields and large, well-cultivated farms on the other side. The contrast with Lesotho's small, poorly tended plots is stark.

The Prime Minister, Chief Leabua Jonathan, has laid claim to some of the richer land on the other side of the river in Orange Free State, but thus far Pretoria has made no response.

And South African farmers clearly are not about to give away any of their profitable holdings to black Africans without sturdy resistance.

Denmark recently offered to build a slaughterhouse in Lesotho so that the country could export meat instead of live cattle needing to be processed in South Africa before shipment to European markets.

Now, however, the Danes have refused to provide money for the plant until Lesotho does more to improve its primitive grazing methods. While this is another setback for a struggling native, Western observers agree it is the only way to ensure that basic reforms are started.

Lesotho's entire national budget is only \$25 million a year, which indicates why the country ranks among the six poorest on earth.

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Two sides appear roughly equal

Riff over new chief of Latin-American union

By James Nelson Goodsell
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Washington
A stiff fight is under way in the organization of American States (AS) for a successor to Secretary-General Galeo Plaza Lasso, whose term expires this year.

While OAS officials would like to event a repeat performance of the last contested election of Mr. Plaza, five years ago, there is concern that the hemisphere organization at another such contest is likely.

For some time there have been two favored candidates — Paraguayan Foreign Minister Raul Sapena Pastor and Dominican Foreign Minister Victor Gomez Berges. Both have about 10 votes committed for the first ballot scheduled for May.

Each of South America supports Mr. Sapena Pastor, while Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean support Mr. Gomez Berges.

Mr. Sapena Pastor is a 40-year-old star with the two sides roughly equal, a stand-off, with little give and take. There were moments last year when a compromise appeared possible — in Costa Rican Foreign Minister Gonzalo Fazio.

But his star was tarnished in last year's meeting of OAS foreign ministers in Quito, Ecuador, which set up the question of ending the decade-old blockade of Cuba. The vote, sponsored in part by Costa Rica and spearheaded by Dr. Fazio, failed because it did not have a two-thirds vote of the OAS members, though a majority supported it.

There is hope, however, that another compromise candidate may be found in the Argentine Ambassador to Washington, Alejandro Orfila.

The personable Mr. Orfila is popular among Latin American diplomats in Washington, and has fit easily into the Washington diplomatic circle.

As a career diplomat, however, he is not well known in his own country. He has lived abroad for many years and is not a political prominent figure in Argentina.

Traditionally, the OAS post goes to someone who is a recognized figure in his own country. Such was the case with Mr. Plaza, once president of Ecuador, and with his predecessor, the late Jose Antonio Mora, who figured prominently in Uruguayan politics.

There is also a geographic consideration: It had long been thought that Mr. Plaza's successor ought to come from a small nation and perhaps from Central America or the Caribbean. That would rule out Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Venezuela, and perhaps Colombia and Peru, also. (Colombia was ruled out because it had previously provided a secretary-general.)

Oldest dictatorship

Argentina is treading easy on the possibility of its ambassador to Washington becoming head of the OAS. It has promised to vote for Mr. Sapena Pastor, from neighboring Paraguay, on the first ballot. But once this first ballot is out of the way, Argentina indicates it would be ready to put forward the Orfila name.

A number of Latin American countries do not want Mr. Sapena Pastor, for he represents the hemisphere's oldest dictatorship, that of Gen. Alfredo Stroessner. Moreover, Mr. Sapena Pastor's views on political and economic issues are often seen as out of step with the direction the hemisphere is marching, as for example, his staunch anti-Cuba speech at the Quito meeting last November in face of the majority that favored an end to the sanctions against the Caribbean island.

Then, too, Mr. Gomez Berges has some black marks against him, while his government is an elected one, there are many who question its legitimacy in terms of the heavy-handed tactics often employed by the Dominican military against opponents of Dominican President Joaquin Balaguer.

A bitter struggle between these two — the Paraguayan and the Dominican — could weaken the OAS. That is why there is a scramble at present to find an alternative such as the Argentine Mr. Orfila.

War criminals' release — by Peking puzzling

By John Burns
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Peking's release of 293 "war criminals" held in prison since Chiang Kai-shek's flight to Taiwan a quarter-century ago was in the grand tradition of Chinese political theater.

It left an audience of diplomatic servers still sifting for clues as to what Peking's underlying political motives might have been. What were the "hidden" messages and who were they aimed at?

Newspaper photographs showed General Wei, a lieutenant-general who commanded General Chiang's 12th military group, standing with his head bowed and arms stretched upward as received official notification of the amnesty from a judge of the Supreme People's Court.

The amnesty covered all war criminals condemned by the Communists who were still in custody. Among them were 219 officers, including 40 generals, 21 officials of the Kuomintang Party, and 50 "secret agents" who worked in the covert intelligence and security network of the pre-1949 Nationalist regime.

Many of them now have been granted "citizens' rights," including the right to participate in the political process. Those who are fit will be on "suitable jobs" and those who are not will be pensioned and get free medical care. And, most exceptional,

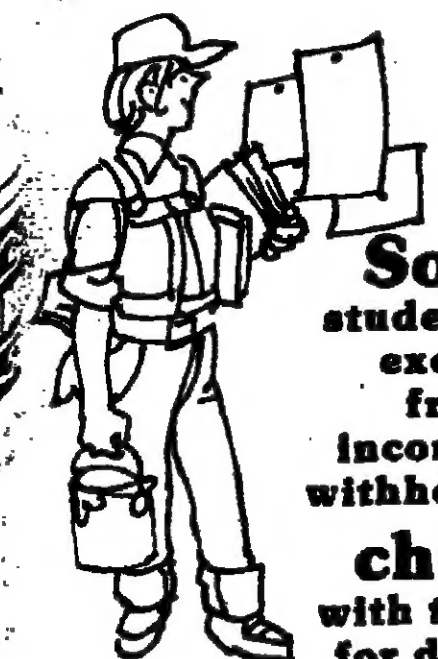
those who wish will be free to go to Taiwan, with their fares paid, and will be welcome to return to the mainland later if they wish.

It seems clear that the purposes of the party leaders who initiated the amnesty were at least as much political as humanitarian.

The crux of the matter is almost certainly Taiwan. After years of carrot-and-stick tactics, Peking seems to have accepted that a military "liberation" of the island would come only at an unacceptable cost, if at all, and that reconciliation is accordingly the only viable path toward rejoining Taiwan with the mainland. In this context, the amnestied Chiang generals were pawns in a propaganda game, useful for demonstrating to General Chiang's successors on Taiwan that the leaders on the mainland are capable of magnanimity toward their former enemies.

An eye on Washington

But if the sponsors of the amnesty had one eye on Taipei they just as surely had the other on Washington, for it is there, in the coming months, that the crucial decisions affecting Taiwan's viability as a separate entity are likely to be taken. With President Ford committed to visiting Peking before the end of the year, the administration will have to decide whether to move forward to full diplomatic recognition of the mainland government — a step that cannot be accomplished, Peking has made clear, unless it is accompanied by a curtailment of Washington's diplomatic and military ties with Taipei.



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Peru military regime snuffs out free press

By James Nelson Goodsell
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Freedom of the press was snuffed out in Peru this past week with the government's closing of the independent magazine Caratas.

The magazine, edited and published by Enrique Zileri Gibson, had escaped the expropriation and closure decrees issued by the government in July and November of last year. But action against Caratas had been expected — and thus last week's closure came as no surprise.

Caratas had been closed before, but then allowed to reopen. But pressures against Mr. Zileri, one of Latin America's most noted newsmen, had mounted in recent months. One of his staffers, Janet Gamarra, recently was held for more than a month without trial, having been picked up while covering the Feb. 5 riots that followed Army repression of a police strike for higher pay.

Ironically, it was at a luncheon honoring Miss Gamarra that Mr. Zileri was told of the closing of Caratas and put under arrest. He was subsequently deported to Argentina.

Voices of protest

The closing of Caratas leaves Peru without any opposition press, radio, or television.

For a nation that has a long tradition of press freedom — including the expression of many and varied ideas — the situation today is increasingly resented by Peruvians of various political colorations.

This includes some who are somewhat friendly with the government of Gen. Juan Velasco Alvarado, which came to power after a military coup in October, 1968, toppling the constitutional government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry.

Among those most critical are such literary figures as Mario Vargas Llosa, Peru's leading novelist, who has had sharp words for the military government. Those words have not appeared officially in Peruvian newspapers or other media. But coming from one who is disposed to approve many of the social and economic reforms embarked on by the military leaders since 1968, his words are being privately circulated.

But they did say in July of last year that the expropriation of the newspapers was carried out "to give Peru a truly representative press." The newspapers taken over were given to various government-sponsored unions and workers' associations.

Criticism of military

For its part, Caratas, although often critical of government performance, supported the military on many of its economic and social policies. Similarly, such expropriated dailies as La Prensa and El Comercio often supported these policies, but questioned military performance — and the military did not like the criticism.

The military is mostly closed lipped about the actions against the press.

Magazines closed in November were simply shut down, as is apparently the case with Caratas.

So far, Mr. Zileri has issued no statement from his new headquarters in Buenos Aires, but it is understood that a letter of protest signed by Caratas staffers, as well as intellectuals and others such as Mr. Bargas Llosa, has been sent to the military.

Music boosts output

By the Associated Press

Moscow
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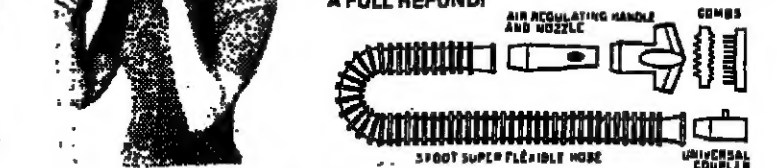
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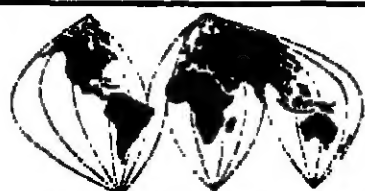
By the Associated Press

San Francisco

Some 60,000 people poured into Kassar Stadium here Sunday for a rock fund-raiser for the San Francisco schools that ended with a surprise performance by Bob Dylan.

Joan Baez, Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead, Tower of Power, Graham Central Station, and Santana also played before the cheering crowd. And actor Marlon Brando came on stage to express his support for the event.

The sea of fans went wild as Dylan, who was not among the announced entertainers, came on stage with the Crosby, Stills, and Young band.



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Inside the news—briefly

WITH ANALYSIS
FROM MONITOR CORRESPONDENTS
AROUND THE WORLD

Viet Communists take another province capital

Saigon

Communist troops Monday continued their thrust to Vietnam's northeast coast, forcing government troops to leave another provincial capital and give up control of a section of the vital coastal highway.

The Saigon Command said its troops had pulled out of Tam Ky, capital of Quang Tin province, 350 miles north of Saigon on Highway 1 — main link from Saigon with the central and northern provinces.

Congress eyes allegations tax men overstepped

Washington

A probe of alleged invasions of citizen's rights by the Internal Revenue Service will be launched Wednesday by a congressional panel.

"We were shocked to hear the extent to which citizens' rights were invaded, apparently needlessly, by tax collectors and agents," said Rep. Charles A. Vanik (D) of Ohio, whose investigations subcommittee will hold hearings.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Donald Alexander will appear at the Wednesday hearing. Mr. Vanik said, along with three regional aides. Mr. Vanik said the first item to be investigated is what he termed the "leprechaun project" in which the IRS is charged with spending public funds to conduct surveillance of private citizens and allegedly hiring outside persons to report on taxpayers.

Pension incomes down in buying power

New York

Most pension incomes, including Social Security, are larger than they were five years ago, but still worth about 6 percent less in buying power, a leading New York bank reports. The purchasing power of the dollar has fallen about 27 cents per dollar since 1970, according to Bankers Trust Company.

Bankers Trust reported the figures in a study of 190 of the largest private corporate pension plans which cover 8.4 million workers, or about one quarter of those in private pension plans. The bank conducts the study every five years. The bank said the large companies studied tend to be

pacesetters for other private plans.

"The retirement age is still 65 years in 95 percent of the plans studied, but that's about all that is the same," said Charles Salinske, who headed up the study.

Supreme Court lets Kunstler conviction stand

Washington

The Supreme Court Monday declined to review the conviction of attorney William Kunstler on two counts of contempt of court arising out of the Chicago conspiracy trial in 1970.



William Kunstler

Mr. Kunstler was one of two attorneys who, along with seven defendants, were found guilty of 159 counts of contempt by U.S. District Judge Julius Hoffman at the conclusion of the trial. The U.S. circuit court in Chicago reversed the contempt convictions and ordered a new trial, at which Mr. Kunstler, Abbott H. (Abbie) Hoffman, and Jerry C. Rubin

were each found guilty on two counts, and David T. Dellinger on seven counts. On the second appeal, the circuit court upheld the convictions. Mr. Kunstler, in Buffalo, N.Y., for trials stemming from the 1971 Attica prison riots, declined to comment on the high court decision.

Cotroni jailed, fined for cocaine smuggling

New York

Frank Cotroni, alleged by Canadian officials to be a kingpin in organized crime there, was sentenced to 15 years' jail and fined \$20,000 here Monday.

A jury found Cotroni guilty on two counts in connection with the smuggling of 20 pounds of cocaine from Mexico into New York between Dec. 1, 1970, and April 30, 1971.

Cotroni fought extradition from Montreal for three years. But he eventually exhausted his appeals and was tried in January in connection with the \$3 million cocaine shipment.

Shortages ease; Polish butcher shops reopen

Warsaw

Warsaw butcher shops — normally closed on Mondays, an official meatless day — were open March 24 as nationwide food shortages eased.

Two weeks ago, unconfirmed reports said, some shops had been wrecked by shoppers unable to buy meat or dairy products. Monday meat supplies were adequate and there were no long lines.

Poles eat and average 144 pounds of meat a year, against the per capita consumption in Western Europe of 209 pounds. Bad weather last year has been blamed for shortages combined with higher wages, which boosted meat and milk consumption.

Ethiopian Crown Prince denounces military rulers

London

The man who would have inherited the Ethiopian crown — the oldest monarchy in the world — has issued a statement attacking the country's left-wing military government, which cancelled his succession.



Crown Prince Asfa Wossen

A proclamation on Friday by Ethiopia's ruling military council annulled last September's appointment of Crown Prince Asfa Wossen as king-designate, and said it was up to the Ethiopian people to decide in the future which type of government should run the country.

The former Crown Prince, son of deposed Emperor Haile Selassie, said in a statement issued here:

"This declaration was made without any consultation with the Ethiopian people, either through an elected parliament or through representatives of the constituent regent, and therefore has no legitimacy."

Gulf sends tanker to sea after seepage discovered

Bantry, Ireland

The Gulf Oil Company reported "seepage" Sunday night from one of its giant oil tankers and ordered the ship out of scenic Bantry Bay, site of two large spills in the past six months.

Residents around the bay said they noticed the spillage as the 116,000-ton Finca Canada was at anchor, waiting to discharge its cargo at Shell's Whiddy Island terminal.

Iran seeks world views of its role in Mideast

Tehran, Iran

Iran now is seeking world views on the state of the Mideast region and Iran's place in it, writes a Monitor special correspondent.

Internationally known scholars and strategists from Europe, America, Asia, and Australia begin a three-day conference here March 25 under the auspices of the recently formed Institute for International Political and Economic Studies.

Among those participating in the conference are William Griffith of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.; John Campbell, Council of Foreign Relations, New York; Henri Hasner of the French Fondation National de Science Politique; and G. S. Barghava of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London.

Iran's wide-ranging interests are reflected in the title of the conference: "The Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean in International Politics."

Tests delay Alaska pipeline installation

Anchorage, Alaska

Installation of the first regular section of pipe for the trans-Alaska pipeline has been delayed from Tuesday until Thursday to allow completion of tests, a spokesman for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company says.



Interloper: fox or pipe?

The 1,900-foot section of steel pipe will be implanted in an 18-foot deep ditch across the Tonsina River flats 75 miles north of Valdez following hydrostatic testing.

An Alyeska spokesman said that to insure the welds holding the 40-foot pipe sections together will withstand the oil pressure flow, Alyeska engineers must cap both ends of the pipe and fill it with water.

MINI-BRIEFS

Latin connection

Puerto Rico has become the Latin connection in illicit drug traffic, according to a House Coast Guard subcommittee report. Customs officials with only meager facilities are unable to prevent the smuggling, the report says.

Atlanta tomado

Three persons were killed and scores injured when a tornado swept across homes and businesses in northwest Atlanta early Monday, police said. Georgia's governor's mansion suffered heavy damage in the twister.

Loan to Egypt

The world Bank announced Monday in Washington a \$37 million loan to Egypt to help further modernize and improve the country's railroads. The loan is for 25 years — including four years of grace — and carries an 8 1/2 percent annual interest rate.

Fish blockade

A blockade of ports by British fishermen protesting against fish imports from Norway and Iceland spread along England's Northeast coast Monday. Angry at falling profits and continued imports of foreign fish, fishermen have rallied to support colleagues at Grimsby and Immingham on the Humber, where 85 fishing boats have been enforcing the blockade since Friday.

Ford production increase

The Ford Motor Company announced Monday in Dearborn, Mich., that it is adding another 25,300 cars to production schedules for April and May because of increasing demand for small cars. This is in addition to 15,000 cars added to schedules for this month — meaning an increase of 40,000 over a three-month span, the company said.

Philippines loan

The Philippines and the United States signed two agreements Monday in Manila for loans totaling \$35 million to support electrification, road, and bridge projects in the rural Philippines.

* West's last port on Red Sea in jeopardy

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port of Assab, controlled by the pro-Western government of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia — but he now has been deposed, and Ethiopia's hold on Eritrea is threatened by a pro-Arab and pro-marxist breakaway guerrilla movement.

Upsurge of nationalism

The general instability in the Horn of Africa in the wake of the coup in Ethiopia has led to an upsurge of Somali nationalism. The Somalis emerged as an independent nation when the republic of Somalia was established in 1960 by merging the former British and Italian Somalilands. But beyond the frontiers of the republic are sizable Somali communities in the Ogaden region of Ethiopia, in the Northern Frontier Province of Kenya, and in the French colonial Territory of Afar and Issa. Many Somalis would like to see these communities incorporated in a greater Somalia.

At the moment, the government of Somalia under President Siad Barre is closely associated with the Soviet Union. The armed forces of the republic are Soviet equipped, and the Institute for the Study of Conflict in London reported earlier this month that there were 4,000 Soviet personnel in the country. The U.S.S.R. reportedly is developing extensive naval facilities at the Somali port of Berbera.

Back in the 1960s the French saw the possibility of eventual Somali pressure on what was then called French Somaliland. The name of the territory was officially changed (in 1967) to the Territory of Afar and Issa. These two peoples do indeed constitute the bulk of the population of the territory, which is divided between them roughly half-and-half. But the Issas (and the related Isaaq tribe) are in fact Somalis. The Afars are non-Somali Danakils.

The official Somali challenge to the French flared into the open at last month's meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). In Addis Ababa, Somali Foreign Minister Omar Arteh Ghaleb accused France of expelling from the Territory of Afar and Issa over the past three years more than 20,000 people born and brought up there (presumably Somalis). He also spoke of killings and drownings. This prompted a firm French diplomatic protest to the government in Mogadishu.

There is, however, no suggestion that the Somali Government is involved in Sunday's kidnapping of the French Ambassador to Somalia. Indeed the Somali Ambassador to France, who happens to be in Mogadishu, has offered himself as a substitute hostage for the French Ambassador. But the incident is certainly a portent of how Somalis generally feel about the French presence in Djibouti.

* U.S. reappraising strategies

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tor between Israel and the Arabs. His efforts to bring about disengagement between the two sides postponed a Geneva conference at which the Soviet Union would appear as co-chairman with the U.S.

It seems likely now that the Geneva conference will in fact be convened in April or May.

Bipartisan aim stressed

At the Geneva conference the United States will be obliged to do what some observers had said it should have done from the beginning — cooperate with the Soviet Union in working out solutions of Middle East problems. First among these will be the tricky question of participation in the conference of the Palestine Liberation Organization, with which the Israelis have said they would never sit.

Legislators who heard Secretary Kissinger's pessimistic briefing at the White House put the emphasis, as they emerged from the meeting, on bipartisan support for the next phase of American foreign policy.

"In this case," said Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott, "division stops at the water's edge." He maintained that all were agreed that Secretary Kissinger was not to blame.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, while admitting that the briefing was "depressing and disappointing," expressed confidence that the President, who has begun a reassessment of foreign policy, would keep Congress fully informed of developments.

The Senate unanimously adopted a bipartisan resolution supporting the efforts of Messrs. Ford and Kissinger to achieve peace in the Middle East and urging that they continue.

* Cambodian Army plight

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What amazes some observers in Phnom Penh is that any of the soldiers continue to fight. And what is even more amazing is that, when their backs are to the wall, some of them fight well.

There is hope even at this stage among some young officers and civil servants that the new Army Chief of Staff, General Sak Sutsakhan, will rapidly reform the Army and give it new vigor.

But there has been a feeling for some time now among many of those who desire reform that the obstacle to any strengthening of the Army is President Lon Nol and his entourage.

Widespread feeling

This is a feeling which exists now at all levels, including that of government cabinet ministers.

"The problem for the last five years has been the leadership of Marshal Lon Nol," said one cabinet minister, who asked that his name not be disclosed.

"We are not asking that he resign," this official said. "But we would like to see him delegate full powers to the cabinet and become more of a figurehead."

"If we can change the present leadership, we are hopeful that we can get more aid and then make another attempt to convince the other side that they must stop the war and talk," he said.

* 'Nixon court' bends but not far

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authorized by Congress under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the court based its ruling solely on the legislative history of the act. It could just as easily have dealt with the constitutional power of the President to impound funds appropriated by Congress.

The court held that the right of privacy must yield to the right of free press when it comes to publishing the name of a rape victim after that name had become part of a public trial record. But the court declined to hold that truth is an absolute defense to actions based on invasions of privacy.

The Court held that widowers cannot be denied benefits under the Social Security Act to which widows are entitled. But it did not go so far as to hold sexual classifications inherently suspect like those of race, creed, or national origin.

Example: the court ruled that school children may not be suspended

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service system, and a shift in the agency from a poverty focus which have been leveled against the director of that agency."

Petition cited

Representative Hawkins is referring to a 77-page petition to the Civil Service Commission originally signed Jan. 13 by 85 past and present Action employees.

The petition, which now bears 150 signatures, alleges violations of the personnel practices of the agency from July, 1971 (pre-Balzano), until now. It charges "widespread discrimination on the basis of political affiliation and beliefs" and "systematically subverting the essential principles of merit selection" in the civil service.

This newspaper also has learned that Mr. Balzano is being asked to be prepared to testify specifically on his management, on why the volunteer programs should remain at Action, on its goals, its objectives, its recent reorganizations, and on his management's effect on agency morale.

Dismantling possible

At stake is whether Action's individual programs will be dismantled and sent back to their original agencies: the Peace Corps to the State Department, Vista to the Office of Economic Opportunity, SCORE and ACE to the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Balzano comment

Mr. Balzano told this newspaper: "I cannot conceive that members of Congress who view what we are doing here and . . . around the country would lower themselves to make a personal attack on a person and punish an entire federal agency. . . . I put my faith in stating our case before the members."

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The White House refused to comment on the Balzano affair.

* Peace Corps-VISTA chief

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already has petitioned to be transferred), the older Americans programs to the Office of Aging.

In addition, the House subcommittee on manpower and civil service shortly will be announcing hearings, the first on April 10, which will deal with the allegations in that petition.

The subcommittee will draw from a file it has been assembling on Action as one of the federal agencies that had "political referral units."

Although some of the allegations are pre-Balzano, a subcommittee spokesman noted "it's fair to say we will also be considering what is going on in Action now."

In addition, this newspaper has learned that Sen. Alan Cranston (R) of California, who originally helped shepherd Action into being four years ago, has drafted legislation which, if passed, would dismantle Action as an agency providing it continued under its present leadership.

Senator Cranston, in a statement to this newspaper, said: "I believe the programs themselves have a fair chance for success if only there is a change of leadership at the agency, but that is a matter generally within the control of the President, not Congress."

"Given what I conceive as a grave morale problem within the agency and a seemingly irreversible erosion of congressional support . . . the only feasible route would be to protect the individuals served and those serving by returning the volunteer programs to the federal agencies from which they came."

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* Seal-kill protest

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In 1972 Canada banned large sealing vessels from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, restricted the hunt to Canadians operating from land, and standardized the size and weight of club to be used.

Humane societies, say Dr. Mansfield, after observing these improvements, concluded that the St. Lawrence hunt "had reached the point of being as humane as possible under the circumstances."

Canadian hunters may take 30,000 seals this spring on the Gulf of St. Lawrence breeding grounds. But a much larger hunt operates on the "Front" or winter pack ice off the Labrador coast, where both Norwegians and Canadians take part in the kill.

'Long tradition'

Here, concedes Dr. Mansfield, hunt conditions are harder to supervise, though Mr. Davies — with full support of Canadian authorities — has brought his (IWAFF) helicopter to the scene.

The surge of protest letters, says Mr. Mansfield, has had an effect on Norwegian policy, partly because "Norwegian agents trained by veterinarians" oversee the hunt.

"As a total part of the Norwegian economy," says Mr. Mansfield, "the sealing means very little. But," he adds, "in a certain locale" around Tromsø, on the Norwegian coast, sealing "has a long tradition" and provides a living for many families.

Thus the hunt is likely to go on, though Norwegian officials admit freely they are "not happy" with the public image their hunters have.

Canadians use the wooden club "roughly the size of a baseball bat," said Dr. Mansfield. One blow on the head is said to kill the seal.

The Norwegian club, called a hakapik, is more complicated — five and one-half feet long, tipped with iron. The iron head is blunt on one side, pointed on the other.

Extinction question

A blow with the blunt side stuns the seal, said an expert. A second "firm" blow to the head with the side "pointed like a nail," the source contended, produces "instant death, quicker than a bullet."

Opinion differs on whether or not the annual spring hunt on the "Gulf" and "Front" is depleting stocks of the Harp seal, also known as the Greenland or Saddleback seal.

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Interview



By a staff photographer

John Cassavetes and Gena Rowlands

Marriage drama yields 'performance of decade'

Cassavetes directs his wife in 'A Woman Under the Influence'

By David Sterritt

Film critic of The Christian Science Monitor

New York
Talk about mutual admiration societies! Says John Cassavetes, "I think she's the best actress in the world. . . . Superb." Says Gena Rowlands, "He's a great director."

These enthusiastic artists have been partners for a long time now — in marriage, and in movies. Their latest on-screen collaboration, "A Woman Under the Influence," has been recognized by many critics as one of the most emotionally hard-hitting dramas ever. Praise has been lavished on Mr. Cassavetes, who wrote and directed it, and Miss Rowlands, who gives one of the performances of the decade in the title role.

Cassavetes sees the film, which deals with a housewife on the brink of unreality as she dreams of a better life, as a product of his own sensibilities:

"Everything that our company has done has come out of our concern," he says, "what we are interested in as people. . . ."

"Gena and I fight; we have a normal marriage; it's not all roses. But there is a genuine love there that carries us through any kind of thing, any kind of hardship. . . . We're more than willing to make sacrifices for each other."

"Yet it comes to mind that marriage, like any partnership, is rather difficult thing. And it has been taken rather lightly" in the movies.

Most films, says Cassavetes, ever move beyond the most superficial levels in dealing with marriage. In "A Woman Under the Influence," the Cassavetes-Rowlands team tries to go a long way farther.

"I really think 'A Woman Under the Influence' is a new film. . . . a film that says we're not so different as we are caring."

Search for adventure

Cassavetes started in show business when he was "a young guy, looking for adventure." After he got into directing, through a workshop he set up for her unemployed actors. With crowded equipment, he made his first-known debut movie, "Shadows." The dialogue was improvised, and it was three years before money could be found to do a sound track — at which time lip-readers had to be hired, figure out what the actors had said during the original filming.

Miss Rowlands worked her way through the conventional ladder for actresses on stage, in TV and the movies.

The "Woman Under the Influence" script got started when she asked Cassavetes to write a role for her to return to the stage. But the role of Mabel Pines, a woman who is psychologically unstable, seemed out to be staggeringly demanding. "I realized I couldn't really play it right after night I wouldn't be able to survive trying it, psychologically or physically." So the film version was born.

Says Miss Rowlands of working with her husband, "We totally dissociate our marriage from our professional life. And I'm wonderful to work with."

"This doesn't mean she agrees with Cassavetes's every artistic vision. 'I have never seen a future I wouldn't like to change,' she says."

"Yet I have enormous respect for the creator of something. I acted in the picture, but he wrote it. . . . He's the one who sat down with nothing but some blank paper. . . . It's his picture."

Cassavetes himself speaks proudly of the "company" that has gathered about him over the years, helping both on camera and behind the scenes.

"We make pictures to reach an audience that will get something out of it," he says. "We consider the subject matter as being explorative."

Cassavetes relies heavily on the individual insights of his actors. His basic technique is to set up optimum conditions for the performers, then "shoot the best way that I can what's happening."

Heavy involvement

"I would like the audience not really to relate to what's going on on-screen, but to relate to their own lives while they're watching it."

"There is no way you can set out to make a film like that. . . . So the best thing is to get yourself heavily involved with the problems of the characters, and make it easy for the actors to reveal those things, to create and generate that excitement. . . ."

Miss Rowlands agrees that the creation of a role is "always the actress's job. . . . You take a script and read it, and read it again and again — about 10 times. Then you put it down and start thinking about it. . . . You start remembering. You remember someone who got on the subway. Or you remember something about yourself."

"And finally," she continues, "a very mysterious thing starts to happen. It starts coming together within your mind and your emotions. . . . The inside of you starts to become true to the character, and then the outside starts doing things on its own."

Of her role in the new film, Cassavetes adds, "Her choice was not to reproduce a woman in this situation, but really in essence to create her — to go through the pain of dealing with each problem as it occurred. . . ."

Cassavetes is concerned with facts and trends in moviemaking. He says that after early screenings of "A Woman Under the Influence," people who had been extremely moved by the film expressed doubts as to its financial prospects.

"What do you mean?" asked Cassavetes. "I have to put a rape scene in, or a nude scene, or I have to shoot somebody in the face for this film to be 'good'?"

"The only point I had in making the film was to say, 'Look. . . . I'm not interested in attaining wealth or success or power under the terms prescribed by events. I'm not interested in events. And none of the people I work with are really interested in events. We don't care if there are lines around the block, and people flock to us, and we make \$90 million. But we are not apologizing for putting something on that we feel is interesting, really deeply interesting. . . ."

"I feel that [in our film] we're just talking about people and their lives, their loves, and their activities. If it becomes exciting, that's because it is exciting. . . . I'm not going to push it."

New voice in U.S. defense decisions

Quiet head of House Armed Services unit emerges—with 'clout'

By Guy Halverson

Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington
Illinois Democratic Rep. Melvin Price is a short, pleasant man given to conservative dark suits and a gentle, almost diffident manner that belies his more than 30 years in Congress.

One Capitol Hill observer calls him "a quiet man . . . with very large clout."

That "clout" is more and more visible these days: Mr. Price now is chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives, with great influence over the eventual shape of the Pentagon's \$104.7 billion budget requests for fiscal 1976.

As Mr. Price sits behind his desk at the Rayburn House Office Building the trappings of authority quickly become apparent from the collection of wall plaques behind him. Each symbolizes part of the political muscle of this emerging figure: the military plaques, representing the Coast Guard, Army, Navy, Air Force — and one each for the Defense Department and CIA as well.

Other plaques displayed

There is a plaque for Congress (where Mr. Price became chairman of the House Standards of Official Conduct Committee). There also is a plaque for the Atomic Energy Commission. Mr. Price, a firm booster of nuclear power, is the vice-chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

Elevated to chairman of the Armed Services Committee after the House Democratic caucus deposed former chairman F. Edward Hebert (D) of Louisiana in January, Mr. Price already is being given high marks for the new direction of the committee. While some committee members and staff aides had felt that Mr. Hebert could at times be autocratic and patronizing, particularly with younger members, Mr. Price is seen as setting a tone of fairness to committee members in debate, while building up the professionalism of the committee staff and expediting the workload of the committee.

"He's an incredibly hard-working person," says secretary Jan Loughry. "He hasn't had a day off in three weeks now," she says.

Powerful posture favored

Like his predecessors, Mr. Hebert and the late Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (D) of South Carolina, Representative Price has been a consistent advocate of a strong U.S. defense posture. That means:

— Maintaining the U.S. military commitment in Europe, "until there is a feeling of security [on the part of] our diplomats there."

— Pressing ahead with modernizing, and limited expansion of the U.S. Navy, which has been halved since Vietnam. It now has the smallest number of ships in the active fleet since a year-and-a-half before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

— Continuing the present "nuclear triad" of



By R. Norman Matheny, staff photographer

Price: once sports writer, reporter—now powerful congressman

underground intercontinental ballistic missiles, nuclear submarines, and nuclear equipped long-range aircraft.

— Making budget cuts only where there are obvious frills, or waste.

Though seeing room for possible snips in the Pentagon budget, Mr. Price is particularly concerned about protecting the Pentagon's proposed \$10 billion research and development (R and D) budget (he heads the committee's crucial subcommittee No. 1 on R and D). R and D, he says, is "one of the most dangerous areas in which to do any slashing. This is where the future strength of our defense community comes from."

Warns of unwise reductions

"A lot of people," he maintains at his desk, a small bust of Lincoln behind him, "see the defense budget as the first priority for . . . cutting. But unwise cuts in the defense establishment could close down a lot of big employers of personnel — some of them employing 30,000 to 40,000 people."

Whether the argument of "jobs and guns" — a mainstay of defense planners — will be as effective in this year's anti-military mood as in past years is unknown. Still, the House Armed Services Committee, made up of 27 Democrats and 13 Republicans, is considered basically "pro-military," though the liberal bloc — best represented perhaps by Democrats Les Aspin of Wisconsin, Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, Robert L. Leggett and Ronald V. Dellums, both of California — has jumped from roughly 5 to 7 members.

Friends insist that for all his friendly and relaxed manner, Mr. Price is a tough, seasoned legislator who knows his way around Washington — and the congressional system.

"He is the most easy-going man I've ever met, but if he thinks certain legislation should go through, he'll go for it with all he's got, no matter what others say," insists Sam Muchnick, a personal friend.

Mr. Muchnick, a St. Louis sports promoter, recalls another side to the congressman: his keen enthusiasm for sports.

Started as newspaperman

Mr. Price started out as a sports-writing newspaperman and a political reporter for several St. Louis area newspapers. Later, he was in Washington between 1933 and 1943 as secretary to Illinois Rep. Edwin M. Schaefer. After Mr. Schaefer's retirement, Mr. Price sought the former congressman's seat. When notified that he had been elected to Congress he was on K.P. duty at an Army camp.

That was 1944. He has been in Congress since then. His district, the Illinois 24th, sits across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Mo. Although the district is predominately white working-class industrial, East St. Louis, (where the congressman maintains a residence) has a black majority, with heavy unemployment. The district also contains the giant Scott Air Force Base, and Olin Mathieson, an arms manufacturer.

It is this dual mix of military and industry, plus the economic problems of East St. Louis, some analysts argue, that explains Mr. Price's voting record of supporting domestic liberal programs, and a strong defense posture abroad.

Mr. Price continues to be a firm booster of the planned B-1 manned bomber and the Trident submarine, both criticized for their high costs by some liberals.

Is there a danger that the U.S., as Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger now argues, could slip dangerously behind the Soviets in military strength by the end of the decade? "There is a very definite threat of this," Representative Price says, noting that the Soviets continue to invest heavy outlays on defense. "The expansion of the Soviet Navy, he says, is an example of what the Soviets are doing with their entire defense establishment."

Books

Democracy behind bars: audacious experiment

Author traces history of letting prisoners have a say in the rules

By Howard B. Gill

The Right to Participate, by J. B. Baker. Scarecrow Press, P.O. Box 886, Metuchen, N.J. \$8.

This book makes a valuable and original contribution to contemporary criminology. Mr. Baker recalls a number of experiments in inmate participation long since forgotten, including the Walnut Street Jail in 1798, the New York House of Refuge in 1825, the Boston House of Reformation in 1828, and the Massachusetts State Prison at Charlestown in 1843.

Not only are Mr. Baker's notes historically worthwhile; they provide support and suggestions for contemporary efforts to set up inmate advisory committees or inmate councils. These are intended to help inmates develop responsibility and learn to control their own lives. As the author states, "Any provision for inmate participation in any part of the prison program was (and still is) a dramatic if not downright audacious idea."

It may come as a surprise even to correction officers that prisoners in Philadelphia in 1798 drew up regulations relative to cleanliness, among other things, and provided "exclusion from the society and conversation of fellow convicts" as sufficient punishment for violation of the rule.

As early as 1825, in New York, a prisoner who returned voluntarily after escape was forgiven instead of being whipped, while a court and trial by jury of five prisoners elected by themselves handled charges of misconduct and assessed punishment. A detail of trusted inmates also kept watch along with the regular staff.

In Boston, in 1828, inmates were given a voting

participation in administration of a reformatory for delinquent children, and an inmate (or head monitor) presided over the institution in the absence of officers.

At Charlestown Prison in 1843 the Massachusetts State Prison Society for Moral Improvement and Mutual Aid was organized by the warden with membership open to any inmate willing to give a formal promise to lead an orderly and virtuous life and to pledge total abstinence from liquor. Some 75 percent of the inmates belonged to the society. It was administered by three officers and six inmates, chosen by a majority of the members and approved by the warden.

The book also traces the use of prisoners in supervisory and educational work, and the creation of mutual-aid societies back in the late 1800s.

From 1800 to 1930, experiments in inmate participation were tried in 18 prisons in 10 states and the Federal system. Of these, nine were discontinued and seven survive to the present day.

Mr. Baker presents a wealth of information on the ups and downs of such experiments, the general lack of recognized procedures or criteria, and the often disheartening results of these idealistic endeavors.

Among the reasons for failure:

- Zeal of originator exceeded his correctional management.
- Resignation or retirement of the originator.
- Over-involvement of prisoners in disciplinary matters.
- Inmate control taken over by worst element.
- Plan imposed on unwilling and untrained staff.
- Rapid turnover of prison personnel.

- Unprofessional leadership.
- Use of the inmate advisory council as "peep-hole" for discovery of inmate plots.

Reading between the lines, it is possible to get deeper into the reasons some programs survived. At some institutions it was feasible to set up more normal conditions for group living. Self-government programs were allowed to evolve. There were limitations on the function of prisoners in disciplinary, security, and strictly administrative matters. Policies and procedures were definite. And, principally, there had to be an honest and sincere climate of cooperation under dynamic, intelligent, and tolerant leadership on both sides — administrators and inmates.

Three goals of inmate participation emerge: to establish lines of communication between the inmates and correction officials; to engage both, at all levels, in developing a better life for all concerned; and to train antisocial persons in the responsibilities, privileges, incentives, and rewards of a law-abiding, democratic society.

By better organizing his book Mr. Baker might have made it easier for the reader to grasp the underlying principles, policies, and procedures, and to follow the complex and conflicting opinions, prejudices, and experiments in inmate participation. Some material in the body of the book was better suited for an appendix.

Howard Gill's career in prison administration, teaching, and research dates back to 1925. He continues to serve as a consultant from bases in Boston and Nantucket Island, Mass.

travel

South-bound cruise—on a cargo ship

By James Nelson Goodsell
Latin America correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

There may yet be hope for United States-flag passenger ships if the Santa Mercedes is any indication.

This 100-passenger cargo liner and its three sister ships are each making a trip through the Caribbean and around South America every 60 days. They are proving that cruises under the U.S. flag are still possible — and very attractive.

The Santa Mercedes is essentially a fancy freighter — with swimming pool, several lounges, a variety of shipboard entertainment, and food that matches anything one can remember from the days of the great ocean liners.

With all these amenities, there's enough going on aboard to keep the most active person busy and happy, as well as to allow privacy for the traveler who wants to rest and do little else.

Much of the fun of these ships, however, has nothing to do with usual passenger fare. Since the Santa Mercedes and the other Santa-liners (Santa Magdalena, Santa Maria, Santa Mariana) make ports of call to load and offload cargo, the routing is governed by the cargo and not by the passengers. The latter learn a great deal about the countries and cities being visited by noting the cargo that is picked up.

For example, in Bahia, the old Portuguese colonial city that was once capital of Brazil, the cargo often includes tons of cacao beans — and while in port, the sweet aroma of cacao is everywhere. Those beans are taken by the ship to San Francisco for use in California chocolate factories.

Owned by the San Francisco-based Prudential Lines, the Santa Mercedes and her sister ships follow a route that takes them down the west coast of North America, starting in Vancouver, through the Panama Canal, and into the Caribbean, and finally

down the east coast of South America, through the Straits of Magellan, and back up the west coasts of South and North America.

That may prove too much of a trip for some people, and the company says it will work out any sort of combination that travelers want: part by air, part by sea, even to the point of working out combinations that include portions of the trip on different Santa-liners.

Some of the suggested air/sea programs range from three to 32 days.

At the moment, Prudential is running well above its break-even point of 40 passengers per cruise. It is averaging 70 to 75 on each of the ships.

Costs are so varied, depending on accommodations, the exact length of the cruise, and the possible air/sea combinations, that it is difficult to give an average figure. But as a sample, the full cruise, nearly 60 days round trip from San Francisco, for a couple, could cost anywhere from \$4,820 to \$14,300.

That may sound a little steep to some. But segments of the trip, say from Venezuela to Brazil or from Argentina through the Straits of Magellan to Chile, would be considerably less, even figuring in the air fare to and from these South American cities.

To help attract passengers, many Prudential cruises include a guest lecturer — some noted individual who can tell fellow passengers about the history or the geography or the politics of South America.

Aboard the Santa Mercedes on its current cruise is long-time Harvard historian Samuel Eliot Morison, who lectures every other day about the discovery of the New World. Other passengers with specialties frequently come forward with slide shows, talks, and even such items as dancing lessons.

It is all a happy combination — a leisurely, enjoyable, dependable cruise.

Amtrak's California discounts for early birds

By Leavitt F. Morris
Written for
The Christian Science Monitor

Amtrak's attractively priced packaged rail tours to California from Chicago, coupled with the air-fare discounts of 20 percent (in summer) and 25 percent (at all other times) should give a much-needed boost to the state's most important industry, tourism. The discounts apply to trips of more than 750 miles on 60 percent of all domestic routes.

Those who choose to fly to California must, to take advantage of the fare discount, purchase tickets well in advance. The discounts do not apply to trips from Florida or Hawaii.

Twelve Monday departure dates from Chicago to southern California are scheduled by Amtrak on its 10-day Southern California Sunburst tours, the first leaving May 12 followed in succession on May 26, June 9, 23, July 7 and 21, Aug. 4 and 18, Sept. 1, 15, and 29, and Oct. 13.

This 10-day tour starts at \$578 and features visits to San Diego, Disneyland, and Hollywood. The price includes all 11 meals on the train, two nights at the Islandia Hotel on Mission Bay, sight-seeing in San Diego including a visit to the zoo, and three nights at the Grand Hotel in Disneyland plus admission charges. In addition, visits will be made to Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, and the Wax Museum.

The Golden State Adventure 14-day rail cruise is scheduled for 13 Monday departures from Chicago aboard Amtrak's San Francisco Zephyr. The first trip leaves May 19 followed by departures on June 2, 16, and 30; July 14 and 28; Aug. 11 and 25; Sept. 8 and 22; Oct. 6 and 20; and Nov. 18. Minimum cost of this tour is \$880.

Rates of both tours are based on double occupancy; those who wish single accommodations will be charged extra, as will those wanting sleeping quarters aboard the train.

Both northern and southern California are covered on the Golden State Adventure tour, which features a four-day California Land Cruise to Yosemite by deluxe motor coach. Two

nights will be spent at Yosemite Lodge.

From San Francisco the tour proceeds south after three nights at the St. Francis Hotel, extensive sight-seeing tours of the city, and a cable car ride. Enroute to Los Angeles, stops will be made at Monterey and Carmel's Del Monte Hyatt House, the impressive Hearst Castle, Beverly Hills, Disneyland, and Universal Studios, with a farewell dinner at the Beverly Hilton.

Within the state, Amtrak's two package vacation tours, the Silver Whistle Stop and the Golden Whistle Stop, provide pleasant rail diversions.

The Silver Whistle Stop itinerary can be used between San Francisco and San Diego in either direction, with an intermediate Anaheim stop for visits to Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm.

Amtrak's Coast Starlight and San Diegoan make the 365-mile scenic coastal run. Cost is \$129.90 per person, double occupancy, for the 8-day, 7-night tour including rail fare, hotels, sight-seeing, and admission to attractions.

The Golden Whistle Stop is a 10-day, 9-night rail excursion priced at \$249.90

each, double occupancy. The tour takes in inland California via Yosemite using, first, Amtrak's crack San Joaquin train, then the San Diegan. Two full days and nights are spent at Yosemite National Park with an overnight at Yosemite Lodge. Like the Silver Whistle Stop, this tour includes Gray Line's Deluxe Tour No. 1 of San Francisco, Disneyland, and other Anaheim area attractions, plus the San Diego Zoo.

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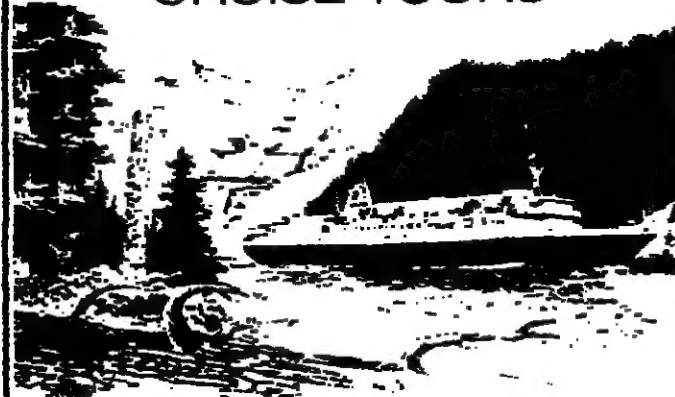
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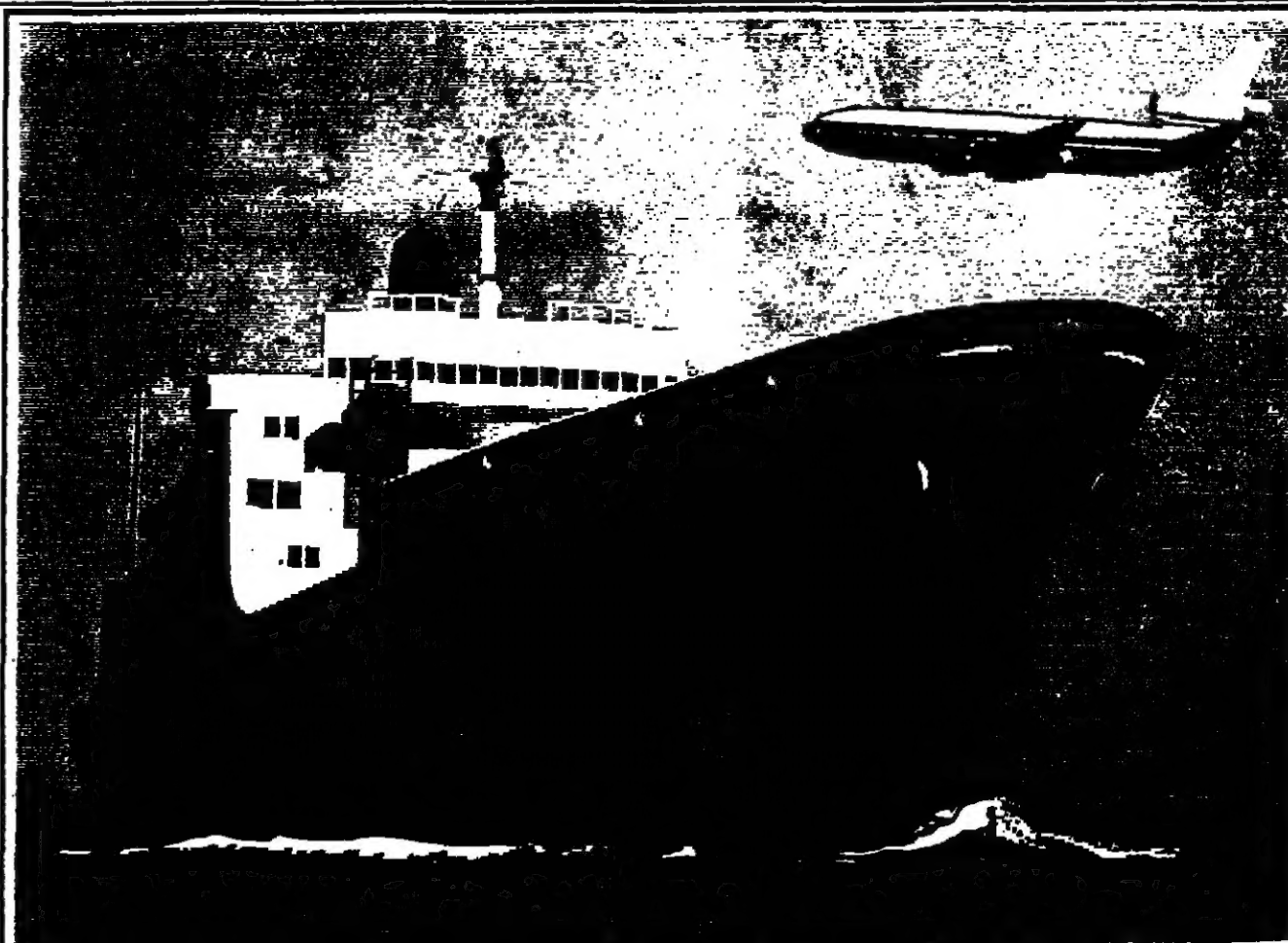
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Camping in Alaska can be wet, cold—and lots of fun

By Curtis J. Sitomer

Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

Juneau, Alaska
A family camping jaunt through the
side of southeast Alaska and the
ukon can be wet, cold—and lots of

fun. Ours, by necessity, was a com-
bination of driving and camping,
rying and camping, and even rail-
ading and camping. We covered
ore than 5,400 miles between Los
ngeles and Skagway and back
ain.

Working our way up through west-
n Canada, we put our Toyota wagon
with tent and camping gear stop)
board the ferry Queen of Prince
upert at Kelsey Bay, about 220 miles
orth of Victoria, B.C. From there it
hes 20 hours to sail the "Inside
assage" to Alaska.

At Prince Rupert, B.C. we boarded
he M/V Taku, one of four ferries that
avigate the famed Alaska Marine
ighway. There are no roads con-
ecting the major ports of the 49th
ate, so this "floating highway" was
eated to meet the need.

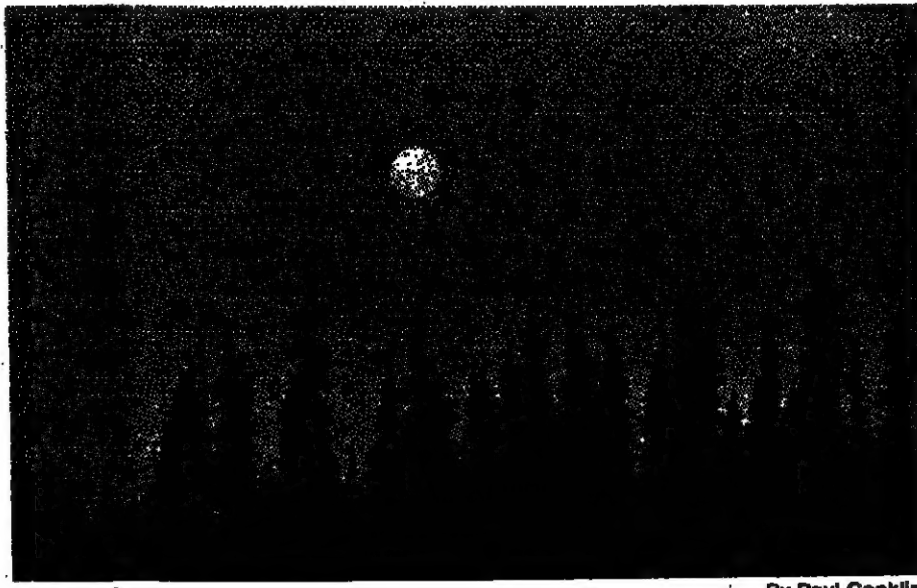
Ferry rates vary depending on the
ip and the size of the vehicle
amper or trailer) you are bring-
ng. For example, ran \$299 (\$52
for two children under
years for our Toyota wagon).

Those who want a cabin can pay
an \$50 for a four-berth cabin up to
a person for more luxurious
ilities. Many passengers bring
ankets and sleeping bags and camp
it on deck. The Colombia, newest
at most modern of the ferries, even
as a carpeted solarium with heat
mps for campers and backpackers.
For a single ticket and with or
thout cars, campers, or trailers,
assengers can cruise all the way to
agway, 488 miles north. Or they can
range port stops in between at
etchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg,
itka, and Juneau, or at Haines, the
arminus.

Carefully budgeting time and ex-
enses, our family of four (including
o grade-school daughters) chose
etchikan, Juneau, and Skagway for
amping respites.

Ketchikan, known for its salmon
shing, pulp mills, and Indian ar-
facts, caught our fancy. We pitched
nt in a federal campground in the
ungass Forest. The sites are ample,
ivate, lush, and green, and \$1 a
ight purchases your wooded space.

Plastic tent covering is a must in
his perpetually wet country. And



The 49th state—campground of legendary beauty

boots and rain gear are a good
idea throughout the summer months.
Juneau, the capital, is a sharp
contrast, a rare combination of an old
metropolitan city and a scenic won-
derland. We camped in the shadow of
the imposing Mendenhall Glacier and
gathered in chunks of glittering glacial
ice to fortify our perishable foods.
(Block ice, by the way, is difficult to
come by in some parts of Alaska, so it
is well to plan ahead and pinpoint
those places in advance where it is
sold.)

A day's ferry hop from Juneau took
us to Skagway, gateway to the Klon-
dike. Skagway is rich in gold-rush
memories—and tales of old
"sourdoughs" and Soapy Smith, an
early bandit. Young and old were
delighted by "days of '98" variety
shows.

We camped one night in public
grounds at no cost. But then we were
advised to put into a hotel, since we
needed to board our car before dawn
on the White Pass & Yukon Railroad
for a day's trip over the Yukon. We
didn't choose wisely and ended up
paying \$45 for two double beds in a
"tourist trap" inn.

The all-day scenic coach ride along
the gold-rush trail cost \$138, including
auto perch on a flat car and half price
for youngsters. There's a tasty fam-
ily-style lunch of stew and apple pie at
Lake Bennett, the midpoint. Some
travelers just go halfway and then
switch trains for the return trip to
Skagway.

The train ride ends at Whitehorse,

provincial capital of the Yukon and an
important point on the Alaska High-
way. From there south it's 919 miles
of dirt and gravel to Dawson Creek,
B.C.

Summer travel in the Yukon is
generally drier and warmer than in
southeast Alaska. There are even a

few hot springs along the way but
beware of mosquitoes and other in-
sects.

Campers and others can pinpoint
rest and sleeping areas, gas and
supply oases, and scenic side routes
by following "The Milepost," a mile-
by-mile log of Alaska, the Yukon, and
the Northwest Territories. This in-
dispensable soft-covered guide is
available at \$3.95.

A few tips for the camper:

- Be prepared for wet and cold. Take ample warm and leisure clothing. You can almost forget the "glad rags"—unless for a special occasion. Even church dress is informal.

- Pack camping and personal supplies, dry goods, and other nonperishables. Plan to pick up as little as possible en route. Everything is expensive, especially food. (We priced a hamburger and soft-drink lunch at \$3-plus during our tour of Juneau.)

- Take along travelers' checks and cash. Personal checks and credit cards are not honored everywhere.

- Aboard, ferries, compare inexpensive cafeteria-type meals and snacks against dining-room service. The former (often a similar menu)

can run less than \$2 per person, the latter \$7 to \$8.

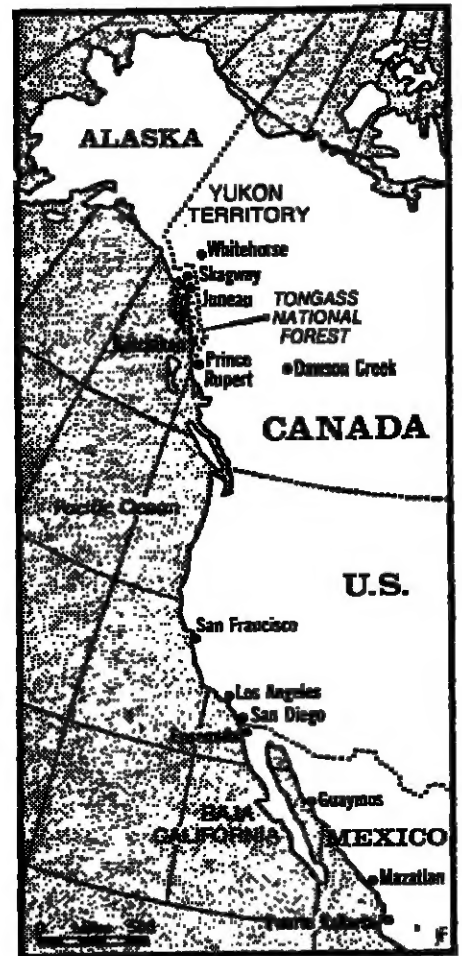
- Be sure your tires are strong and their treads good. Take along at least two spares. It is also advisable to protect windshields, grills, and exposed fuel lines from bugs, gravel, and flying rocks along the Alaska Highway. Service stations and auto-repair shops along the way sell screening for this purpose.

Some persons also buy plastic head-
light covers to protect glass during
daylight hours.

Depending upon the size of the car
or trailer, the screens could run \$10 or
more, headlight covers, a couple of
dollars each. However, many travel-
ers make their own and save this
expense.

- Take cameras and binoculars to observe magnificent wildlife. Along the Marine Highway, humpbacked whales and acrobatic porpoises often stage a breathtaking show under the midnight sun. And American bald eagles sit stoically atop towering spruce trees watching these performances. "I'll betcha," remarked our daughter Amy during a late night vigil on deck, "you can't see this anywhere else."

She was right, you know.



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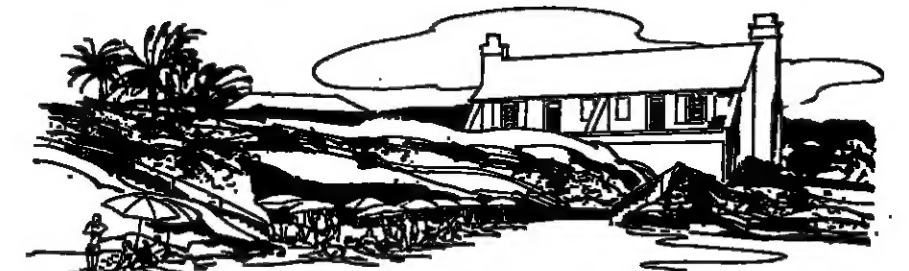
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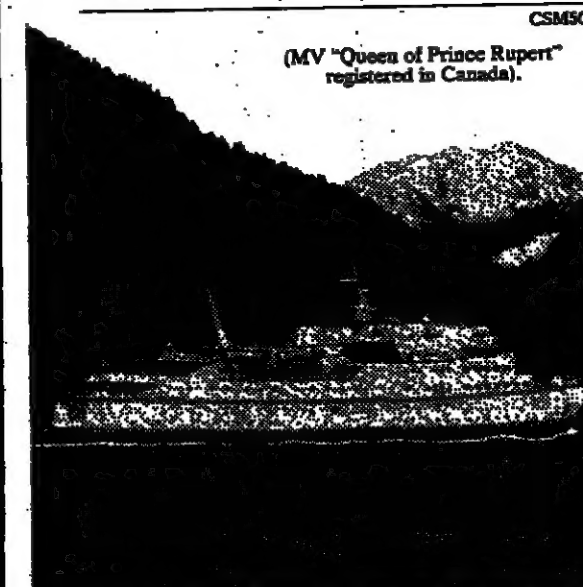
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Snow-ski Hawaii's highlands

By Hal Glatzer
Special to
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Hilo, Hawaii
exclaimed an Austrian visitor.
From the summit of Mauna Kea he had zipped along for three miles — dropping a thousand feet every mile — around and around the volcano's dormant cinder cones 13,000 feet above sea level. Mauna Kea means "white mountain" in Hawaiian; the Big Island's tallest mountain is covered with snow from December through March.

The high, thin air takes some people's breath (and appetite) away. "And it's so bright your sunglasses need sunglasses," says one Honolulu skier. The Mauna Kea Ski Patrol won't let anyone ski without eye protection, and it recommends applying sunscreen (not tanning oil) every two hours.

Beginners can ski the wide, shallow Poi Bowl that begins at the University of Hawaii's observatory, or the larger Pele's Parlor, on the north and west faces of the 18,796-foot summit. (Pele is the Hawaiian goddess of volcanoes.)

Intermediate skiers prefer Prince Huiho's Run, a mile and a half from cindercone to cindercone.

And experts can ski the east side of the summit on King Kamehameha's Run, a slope that drops 1,000 feet in the first six-tenths of a mile.

Most local skiers like the cross-country trails that (with a little walking) are almost 4 1/4 miles long.

The road up Mauna Kea is paved only to the 10,000-foot level, and the snow rarely settles below 11,000 feet. A four-wheel-drive vehicle is, at present, the only form of "lift"; visitors who fly into Hilo may rent one, or may contact Holo-Holo Campers to arrange for a shuttle service. Honolulu Sporting Goods, in Honolulu, is the only reasonably nearby source of rental skis.

Skiing racing, open to everyone, is sponsored several times a season, with Ski Association of Hawaii officers as judges. When their Honolulu chapter comes for an annual "meet" every President's Day weekend, they like to stay at the Pohakuloa State Park cabins at 8,000 feet elevation, in the "saddle" between Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa. From there it is a 30-minute drive to the summit.

With good planning, and reservations where necessary, the Big Island's frozen peaks are a surprising side trip for winter visitors.

San Diego: festivals, sun, sand

By Dorothy Gates Fisher
Special to
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San Diego, Calif.
Where can you find wide, sandy beaches, plenty of deep-sea fishing, free launching ramps for your boat, and 365 sunny days a year, every year?

We were promised such a paradise here in Mission Bay area of San Diego, and we haven't been disappointed. Neither were last year's over one million visitors to this huge aquatic park a little over a hundred miles south of Los Angeles.

Back in 1542, Portuguese navigator and explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo discovered this tidal swamp and named it Bahia Falsa (False Bay) because it wasn't deep enough for his pilot-sized ships.

Years passed — probably 400 or more — before United States Army engineers began to dredge out the San Diego River which flowed into San Diego Bay and Bahia Falsa. Thus was born Mission Bay, with its 4,700 acres of land and water and 27 miles of beaches.

Seventy-five percent of this city-owned land is reserved for beaches and public parks. And private investment has done a great job in providing five excellent hotels, delightful restaurants, marinas, yacht clubs, sportfishing, to say nothing of world-famous Sea World.

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Nearby is Campland, a new 42-acre complex which serves campers and recreation vehicles with power, running water, and sewer facilities. Better get in your summer reservation early, however. Last summer its sandy beach and miniature golf course were busy with families from all over the country enjoying an inexpensive vacation.

Here's a partial list of coming events at Mission Bay:

March 29: Ninth annual Mission Bay Easter Egg Hunt.

April 5: '75 Crew Classic. Oarsmen from ten colleges including Harvard and the Naval Academy. Universities and local schools compete.

April 6: Southern California Water Ski Tournament.

In May: San Diego Invitational Rowing Regatta.

July 20: Eighth Annual Sand Castle Contest. This contest is open to builders of all ages. In addition to castles, many sand sculptures are created on the sandy beach at Crown Point.

August 17: Fourth annual U.S. Finest City Cup Balloon Race.

August 22: 15th Annual San Diego Lifeguard Relays.

All Fall: Eleventh annual Mission Bay Photo Festival.

Dec. 13: Sixth annual Parade of Lights. Brilliantly decorated boats tour Mission Bay in this Christmas Parade of Lights.

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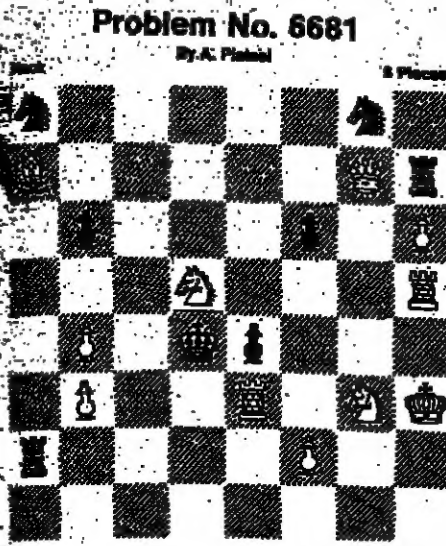
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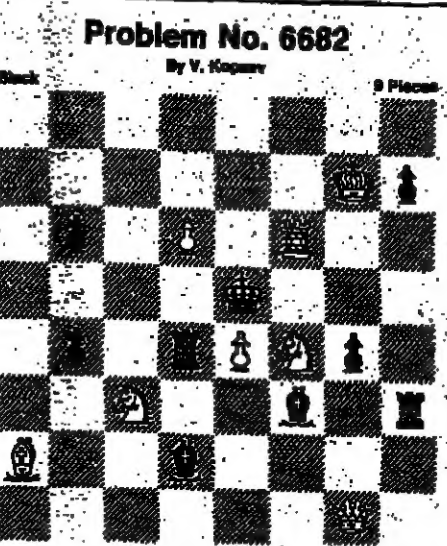
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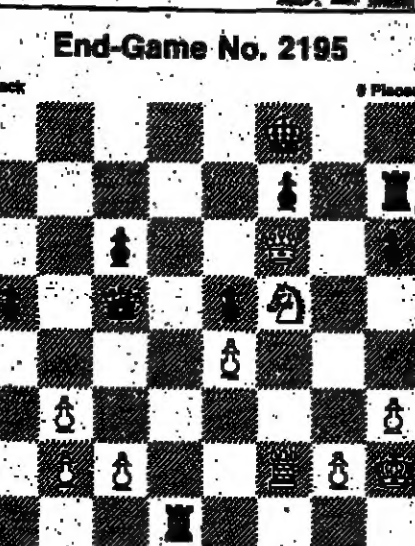
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Top Philippine Star

Eugenio Torre has already achieved a grandmaster rating though only 22 years old. First he made the grandmaster norm in a Torneo de Torneo, which he won. Then playing on the second board in the Nice Olympiad he made the excellent score of 73.7 percent — nine wins, ten draws and no losses. This was the best second board score of the competition.

Another Torre game

Here is how Torre defeated the West German grandmaster, Lothar Schmid. Some readers may remember that Schmid had the eventual job of refereeing the Fischer-Spassky match.

Torre shows imagination and daring in his play, even against more experienced grandmasters with established reputations.

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15. B-K3
16. B-K3
17. B-B4ch
18. BxK3
19. Q-Q
20. Kt-K
21. P-K5
Black
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Alekhine's Defense

Schmid Black
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Brewers bubble over prize rookie

Lezcano just latest of talented youth corps

By Ed Ramill
Special to
The Christian Science Monitor

Sun City, Ariz.

"If they'd asked me to explain it, I couldn't," said Harvey Kuenn, batting coach of the Milwaukee Brewers. "But I just looked at Sixto Lezcano and knew he was a hitter. It was one of those things. He had the right moves; he was comfortable at the plate; his swing had a picture look. I liked everything about him."

Kuenn, who was American League batting champion with Detroit back in 1969, first spotted the young right-handed hitting outfielder in the Arizona instructional league late in 1971 and stamped him immediately with a "can't miss" label.

"He can do it all," the coach added. "Hit with power, throw with power, and run."

'He's my right fielder'

More than passing attention is being given Lezcano (5 ft. 10 in. and 165 pounds) as Del Crandall and his aides push the American League Brewers through their spring training paces in Sun City Stadium. In fact, one comes away with the impression that the Puerto Rican youngster could be one of baseball's leading rookies in 1975.

"He'll be my right fielder and he's one of the reasons I'm excited about this season," said Crandall, who suc-

ceeded Dave Bristol as Brewer skipper in May of '72. "Sixto has the arm and the speed to cover the demanding right-field area and — as Harvey Kuenn told you — he'll hit major-league pitching with power. He has the stamp of the all-around performer you're always looking for, but seldom find."

"He's gotten better at the plate each year he's played," Crandall continued. "And last season, before joining us, he hit .326 with the Sacramento club, getting 32 homers and 96 RBI. We doubt if he'll ever see the minor leagues again."

'Backbone of the club'

The Brewers have some of the better young players in the league and Crandall deserves credit for their rapid development. A year ago the club was a nuisance to the recognized contenders and climaxed the year by knocking the Yankees out of the eastern division race in the final days. "I think we've been very fortunate," Crandall said. "Boys like Robin Yount, Bob Coluccio, Pedro Garcia, Darrell Porter and Lezcano have all come along at about the same time, and our acquisition of men of the caliber of Don Money, John Briggs and George Scott have created an experienced backbone for the club. Once the younger men started showing us they were ready, it became a matter of putting it together — of molding a unit that functioned on the same wavelength."

The Milwaukee infield is about as strong defensively as any in the

major. It has the stylish Scott at first base, Garcia at second, Money at third and the sophomore Yount at shortstop. Porter and Charlie Moore share the catching. Briggs, Coluccio and Lezcano cover the outfield, from left to right. And then there is a fellow by the name of Henry Aaron.

"Henry is our designated hitter and will bat third," Crandall said. "I don't have any plans to use him in the field, but I could if an emergency arose. I'd rather let him concentrate at bat."

Aaron 'man with respect'

Aaron, of course, has been a tremendous game stimulus since walking out on the Atlanta Braves and returning to the city where most of his record 738 home runs were hit. But as Crandall says, the Brewers "didn't buy a symbol." They signed the all-time home-run king for his offensive and other contributions.

"There's no telling how much Henry might contribute," the manager continued. "We know he still has that sharp bat. But he will also be an important influence in the clubhouse — a man with the respect that attracts other men. I think he'll be a tremendous help to our young hitters, who can always use it. He has never lost the enthusiasm, nor the pride of a great athlete. He's played on winners. If some of his class rubs off, we'll be that much richer."

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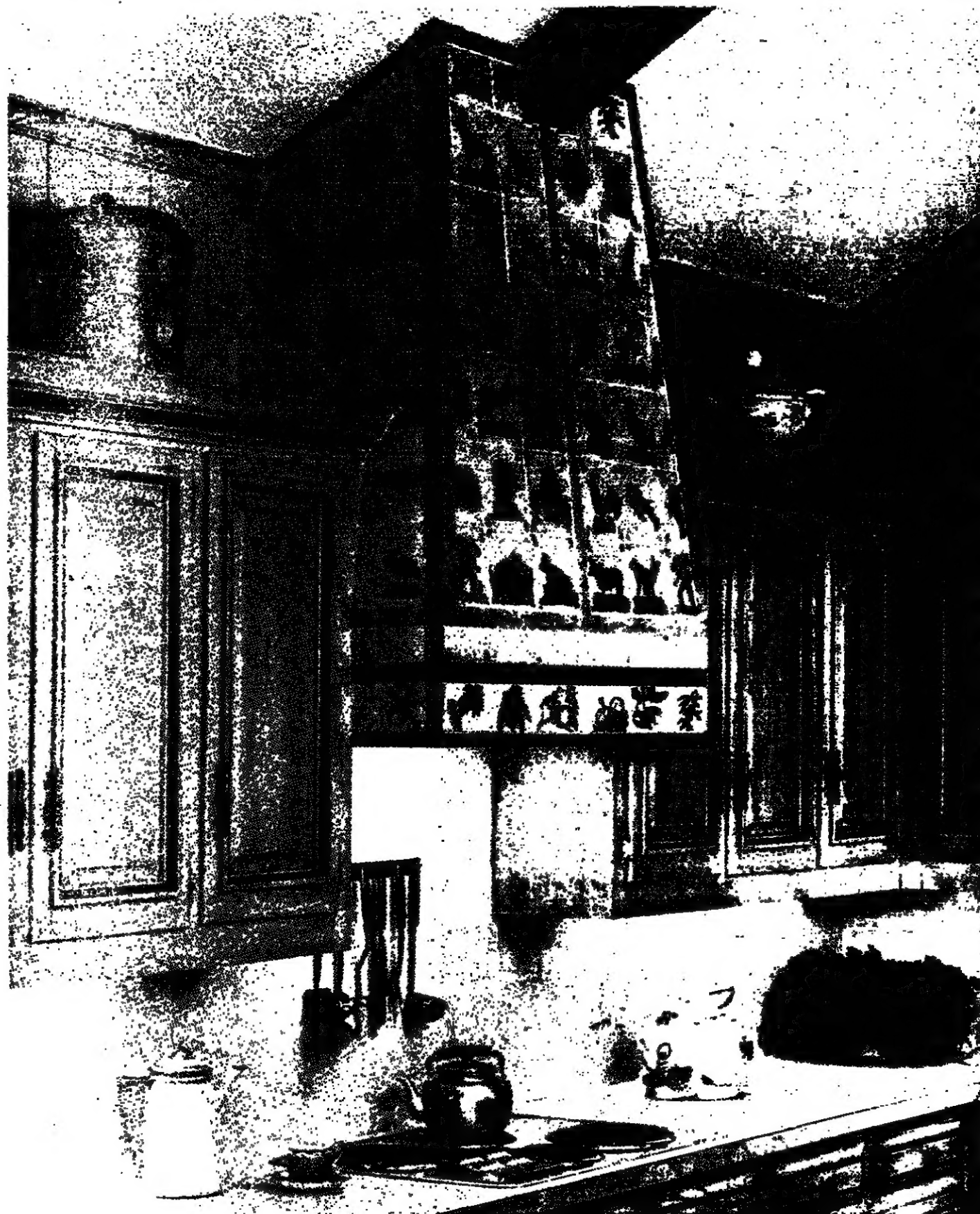
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Good designing can offset building austerity

By Marilyn Hoffman
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Dallas Architectural refinements in "builder" houses and apartments have, for the most part, sunk slowly under rising costs of materials, labor, and land. And new builder austerity measures are due to cut living space in new homes still further.

Marguerite Green, ASID, is one Dallas interior designer who remains optimistic, however. There are plenty of ways, she insists, to enhance even the least exciting basic architecture, and to customize interiors to one's own taste. She proves that with a few decorative embellishments and devices, you can create unusual visual effects, and make a "builder" house looked tailored to your own specifications.

Here Mrs. Green shares with Monitor readers a baker's dozen of her favorite "trade secrets" for compensating for lack of architectural distinction. They could be carried out anywhere, and in a variety of price ranges.

(1) A touch of tile can do wonders for any kitchen. For added color and

Left, bright tiles mounted on range hood personalize a kitchen, and terra-cotta and brown striping adds distinction to stock wood cabinetry. Right, in library-den draperies at window wall are tied to give an architectural feature.

design it is hard to beat those decorative tiles now being imported from Portugal, Holland, Mexico, Spain, and France. One can pave an oven range hood with tiles (as illustrated here), attach a single row of tiles to the wall over the sink backsplash, or hang a dozen or so along a kitchen wall, or above cabinets. To quickly customize standard wood kitchen cabinets, stripe them in color. Moldings painted a contrasting color also do the trick.

(2) If you want the popular country-kitchen look, even in a high-rise condominium, start with the floor. A real oak parquet tile floor, given a water-resistant finish, may be a luxury well worth its cost. You can also simulate, in vinyl tile or linoleum, the wood parquet look, or that of tile, brick, or slate.

(3) Since light fixtures can cheapen an overall look faster than anything else, ask for the right from the builder (if not too late!) to select your own fixtures. Avoid those with

iridescent crystals which are builder favorites. Substitute, if you can, either good crystal fixtures, a clean, contemporary design, or authentic reproductions of antique fixtures in brass, tile, or wood.

(4) By the same token, says Mrs. Green, if you upgrade the average builder's mirrors, it will make a world of difference. Wall mirrors in bath or dressing rooms should be fitted exactly to the wall space, even if a hole has to be drilled (for about \$10) for shaving or makeup light. Beware, however, if you decide to mirror a whole living room or dining room wall: Be sure you have something dramatic to reflect in it. As for framed mirrors, either contemporary or antique, they can be a significant decorative asset. A large antique framed mirror Mrs. Green believes, can add elegance and character to a room without making demands on the furnishings which surround it.

(5) You can help draperies become architectural members of a room by treating them in an architectural manner. For instance, the draperies for a window wall of a living room should never be divided and stacked against either end wall. If divided three ways, center draperies can substitute for columns and divide the expanse of glass effectively.

(6) An inexpensive device for opening up a kitchen or dining area to the outdoors is to replace a solid door with a stock lumber-yard glass door.

Small, inadequate windows, and the closed-up look of too few windows are oppressive features of many builder houses, Mrs. Green says. She often uses stock glass French doors from the lumber yard, singly, in pairs, or as a series, to create a window wall. This is more economical than having a custom-built bay window added, she says.

(7) If you have a den you cannot afford to panel with genuine wood, apply crunchy-looking grass-cloth paper. It is richer looking, in Mrs. Green's opinion, than cheap plywood paneling, and it makes a background that has depth, texture, and refinement. If you wish to add a touch of individuality to built-in bookshelves or china cupboards, line shelf backs with fabric (such as a small, quaint French Provincial print) or with more formal French marble end paper.

(8) For a small living room that has no fireplace or other central architectural interest, choose a tall, massive piece of furniture to serve as the focal point of the room. A break-front, secretary, bookcase, big etagere used for display of art objects, or an armoire, would be ideal, but much the same effect could be achieved with a row of high bookshelves from an unpainted furniture store, or a secondhand secretary from Goodwill Industries. These could be antiqued or lacquered.

(9) Use fabric generously to copy-up a boxy bedroom. For one master bedroom Mrs. Green chose a whimsical butterfly theme, carried out on wallpapered walls, chintz bedspread, small sofa and chair. She often uses the same print in two or three

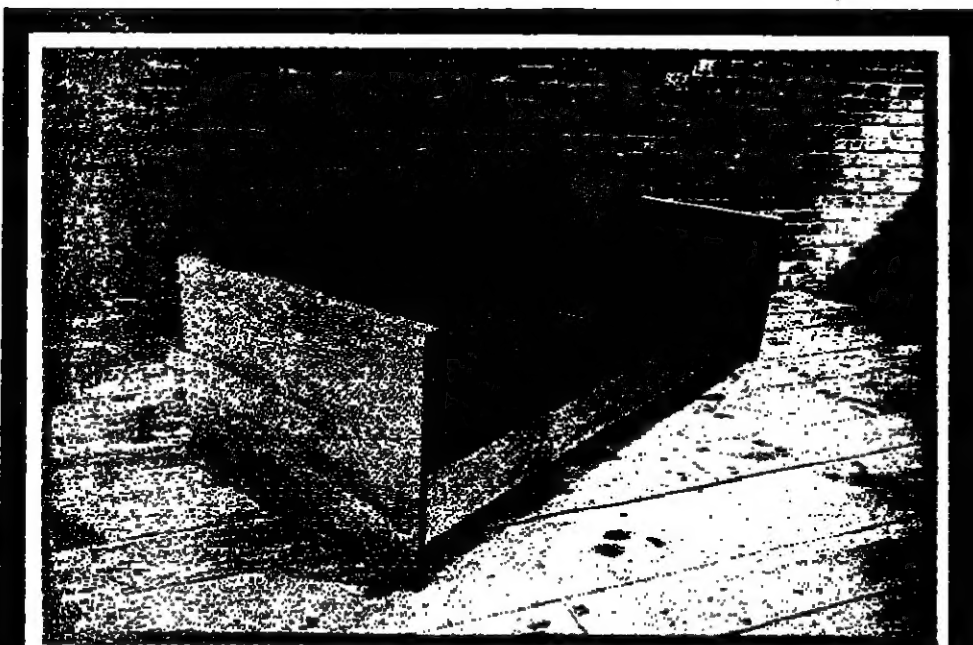
different soft colors. Such combinations unify a room and are neither too busy nor too confusing.

(10) Enhance and dignify different living areas that flow together by creating an illusion of defined space. Create an entry hall or dining room with a strategically placed palm tree or other similar tropical greenery. Tied-back side draperies (to match room draperies) can also be hung from the ceiling to create a dramatic entrance to a dining area. Or a pair of old or new architectural columns will do the same.

(11) Avoid "little-bitty" night tables. Mrs. Green thinks people deserve lots of room beside their beds for lamps, radios, telephones, books, magazines, newspapers, and other bedside paraphernalia, so she uses tables that range from very simple Italian Parson's tables to French tea tables.

(12) If you are making use of some old mahogany 1920s or 1930s bedroom furniture, perhaps from your family, have the pieces professionally facelifted with lacquer. Choose white, perhaps, for bed and dresser, and a Chinese red for the tall chest. Surround them with bright chintzes and light, bright decorating, and they'll take on a whole new look.

(13) Final caution: Builders sometimes economize on wallpapers. If you buy a house or condominium, before the wallpaper goes on, ask for a credit from the builder, and select your own handprinted wallpaper. It may be initially more expensive but it will yield the long-lasting satisfaction of better design and a more quality "feel."



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Brisk demand for expensive antiques surprises dealers

By the Associated Press

New York In these times why are people buying expensive antiques for their homes? In accounting for their ebullience at this year's East Side House Settlement antiques show, dealers from many states indicated they had feared the worst during this period of inflation, "but so far, so good."

Alastair Stair, who claims to have "the biggest stock in the world" of English furniture, said that "in the last two months business has increased incredibly." And he had something to compare it with — as a young boy he had begun in the antiques business in the "aftermath of the Depression" in 1932, "when it was very difficult

to sell a drum table at \$800. Now we can get \$5,000 for one."

Items called investments

Only that morning he had sold some items to two London dealers that he had bought two days before in New Jersey. Few good things were gathering dust.

"I think people are putting money into antiques instead of making other investments, which indicate that antiques can give capital appreciation."

A long-time dealer in pewter, Thomas D. Williams of Litchfield, Conn., concurred with Mr. Stair's remarks.

"In fact 1974 was the biggest year we ever had in pewter, which surprised me. I think more people

are intellectually involved in pewter because it fits the necessary qualifications of an antique — artistically and historically important and rare — but it can be acquired even if you can't afford some other antiques." A "significant piece of pewter" may be bought "for a few dollars," Mr. Williams says.

People enjoy purchases

In accounting for her own good business, long-time textile expert Elinor Merrell said the current good market seems to indicate that "people are buying things of value that can be enjoyed."

Miss Merrell set in place a collection of mercury glass she had recently acquired and some of her

rare textiles including handpainted East Indian tree of life panels, "the source of all our chintzes," she remarked.

Even though he is in the automobile production area, "which is highly affected by the economy," Bernard Flomb of Richmond, Mich., has been finding business very good. "Good things have been selling very well. I am really surprised," he said.

John Hart of Middletown Springs, Vt., has found that "shoppers are cautious, but if you have something good they will not quibble." One prize piece in his booth was an American Salem chest with its original beehive and lotus hardware.

Folk art was holding up "because there is such a demand with collectors, museums, and even specu-

lators," said James Abbe Jr., of Oyster Bay, N.Y. In his display were some unique pieces. One weathered was a hunter with a bow made out of his gun. Another was a whirlwind — a blacksmith, three men, a horse, furnace, and bellows.

Former Florida dealer, J. J. Thompson, mostly travels the shows now, he says, and he always brings with him hundreds of pieces of rare Chinese export porcelain.

At Houston, Philadelphia, and the Lake Forest, Ill., and Grosse Pointe, Mich., shows it has been the same — good business.

"It is like anything else, a good car is more desirable and more in demand than a cheap one, and so are the good antiques," said Mr. Thompson.

After-images are best first

Have you ever tried looking at a painting with the eyes in the back of your head? After-image is the continuous aspect of a temporary glance, and is what matters most. I find that art which has influenced me most intensely is art which compels the strongest after-image: I see it in the rainbow darkness of eyes shut. And it impresses itself for a time on the external world, so much so that I can, to some extent, distinguish between "the thing seen" and my vision of it.

A reproduction is an after-image but never really achieves the stature of the genuine article. I remember first encountering van Gogh's paintings at school in an exhibition of reproductions. I'm sure that they were not particularly good reproductions, but I was completely engaged by them. I returned to the excitement and revelation of that exhibition over and over again. I made paintings of the Norfolk landscape in van-Gogh-intense dabs and swirls of thickly applied oil paint: I looked everywhere for poppies in cornfields and colors in tree trunks which never existed in the cold light of East Anglia. Van Gogh like Midas touched all my seeing to gold.

Later I saw van Gogh's gallery in the "flesh": in the finest and most startling light at the Kroller-Müller Museum in Otterlo, Holland. I visited Arles and Auvers and saw something of what he had really painted. I realized that I had never really seen the brilliance of his sun-glare and the vehemence of his ripeness. And yet my first encounter is always at the back of my mind; those after-images at school were my before-images of van Gogh.

If William Blake had ever seen original works by Michelangelo, rather than prints after him, there can be little doubt that his own style — an idiosyncratic amalgam of original fantasy and borrowed after-images — would have been quite different and far less rich. There is a great deal to be said for certain kinds of ignorance.

Recently I have "discovered" for myself the magical paintings of Fra Angelico. I had seen one or two in Florence a decade ago, but they simply puzzled me. Now, suddenly, they have arrived like birds in spring. Why have I never seen them before?

If I manage to get to Florence again, to the Museo di San Marco where almost all Fra Angelico's paintings are kept — and I certainly intend to — I will doubtless get far closer to the painter's own vision. But from the clearly inadequate book reproductions available to me in London (you only have to compare two prints after the same painting to see how drastically they differ from each other and presumably from the original) I have already placed my before-and-after-image of his art in the eyes at the back of my head. I feel that what matters most I have already glimpsed.

Christopher Andreas



Courtesy of the Museo di San Marco and Gabinetto Fotografico, Florence, Italy

Above: "Christ Appearing to the Magdalene" by Fra Angelico (1387-1455) Left: "Les Oliviers, St. Remy" 1889 by Vincent van Gogh



Courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Annenberg

Read me!

"... You love your books don't you, Daddy?"

"Yes, Kristin. I suppose it's because these books are like wonderful people: they give out ideas that have so much warmth and strength and beauty..."

"I wish all people could be like that."

"I'm sure they are, really; but many of us just haven't looked deeply enough to find all the warmth and strength and beauty hidden in us."

"Then couldn't someone else do the looking and find all those things and just tell us about them?"

"Can you imagine me taking up the book you got for Christmas before you even had time to read it and saying, 'You don't have to read that: I'll do the reading and tell you all about it'?"

"But Daddy, if people are like books, then you've got to read yourself!"

"I said books are like people, but you're right: yes, I'm learning to read myself — the better I get at this, the better I can read others and then be happy about what I find in them, too."

"I'm a book. Read me!"

"That's what I'm doing."

"Daddy, I'm reading you now!"

"Can't we do the same in a special way for everyone? Everyone has a secret in him. Something extraordinary. Something to love — if you read that person expectantly. Take the mailman — or Piglet here. There's no such thing as an ordinary life, you know. When I do this kind of reading I'm looking for something I haven't found anywhere before. It's like coming to a corner and wondering what's around it. It's always something new, something fantastic — but lovely. And strong. And imperishable."

"What's 'imperishable'?"

"It's like when you can't stop loving. People may not admit to it but what's real in them really wants to be found and read and loved. Everyone is a special kind of book."

"I know what wants to be found in me."

"What?"

"Happiness! — Hey, Daddy, why are you laughing?"

"Because when I read your happiness I feel kind of happy-out-loud."

"You mean your happiness can't stay inside?"

"Right. Real happiness can't stay inside. Nor can wanting to be gentle."

"Nor can wanting to surprise someone. Daddy, can people be surprised by their own happiness?"

"Why not? — And some people by tears of gratitude. ... And some by sudden kindness hidden in themselves."

"— And some by their own laughing!"

"Now just why are you putting Piglet in my pocket?"

"I want you to read him later."

"I will. But I must read another page of myself first so I can read him better. There are still lots of pages in me I haven't turned yet. And, Kristin, don't you feel excited about you? I think you're a wonderful book, and remember, a good author never stops loving the book he loved writing."

"When does he stop writing?"

"He doesn't, you know, because there are always new things to discover. Of course, the idea behind each book is always wonderfully complete in his thinking but it all just keeps on unfolding in fresh ways."

"... Daddy?"

"Yes?"

"Daddy, who's writing me...?"

Godfrey John

[This is an Italian translation of today's religious article]

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[Di sotto una traduzione italiana sarà pubblicata una volta al mese]

Gratitudine fuori programma

L'epigrammatista francese La Rochefoucauld ha scritto che: «la gratitudine di gran parte degli uomini non è altro che la segreta speranza di ricevere maggiori favori». Egli mise in chiaro un fatto: anche noi spesso siamo portati a programmare la gratitudine nella soluzione dei problemi che dobbiamo affrontare e deprezziamo la gratitudine, rendendola semplicemente un mezzo per raggiungere un fine.

Non vi è alcun dubbio che la gratitudine faccia parte della soluzione di qualsiasi problema. Ma in questo caso si parla di gratitudine fine a se stessa e non di un mero strumento per raggiungere un fine.

La parola stessa non appare mai nella Bibbia — nella versione di Re Giacomo — ma il suo significato viene indicato in innumerevoli altri modi. E in particolare nei Salmi, molti dei quali sono poesie di lode per la bontà di Dio verso gli uomini. Ma si tratta di poesie di lode spontanee, non programmate. Ad esempio leggiamo: «L'Eterno è la parte della mia eredità e il mio calice; tu mantieni quel che m'è toccato in sorte. La sorte è caduta per me in luoghi dilettevoli; una bella eredità mi è pur toccata!»: il Salmo sta forse rendendo grazie nella «segreta speranza di ricevere maggiori favori»? Certamente no, dato che egli prosegue descrivendo la ricompensa della sua gratitudine: «Perché il mio cuore si rallegra e l'anima mia festeggia». Egli aggiunge: «Anche la mia carne dimorerà al sicuro» — come a dire che, mentre la felicità e la gioia del cuore sono tutt'uno con la gratitudine e ne sono la sufficiente ricompensa, vi è anche da aspettarsi un contemporaneo miglioramento nelle vicende terrene. Ma tutto ciò è ben diverso dal cercare di essere grati per produrre quel miglioramento.

Attraverso lo studio della Scienza Cristiana, ci si rende ben presto conto che la gratitudine è una conseguenza naturale della conoscenza di Dio e della Sua bontà e dell'aver afferrato la verità per cui l'uomo e l'universo, giustamente interpretati, sono perfetti e infatti quale riflesso spirituale di Dio. Una tale gratitudine non è finalizzata ad ottenere qualcosa di meglio, ma è ricompensa a se stessa.

Mary Baker Eddy, la Scopritrice e Fondatrice della Scienza Cristiana, scrive: «La spiritualizzazione del pensiero e la cristianizzazione della vita giornaliera, in contrasto con i risultati della farsa orribile dell'esistenza materiale; la castità e la purezza, in contrasto con le basse tendenze e l'attrazione terrena del sensualismo e dell'impurità, sono quelle che realmente testimoniano dell'origine e dell'operare divino della Scienza Cristiana». Sia l'origine sia l'operare della Scienza Cristiana rimangono nel regno dello spirituale, e la gratitudine di uno studioso della Scienza Cristiana dovrebbe esprimersi per il bene spirituale.

Naturalmente lo studioso può aggiungere con il Salmo: «Anche la mia carne dimorerà al sicuro». La signora Eddy conclude in questo modo l'affermazione sopra riportata: «I trionfi della Scienza Cristiana sono registrati nella distruzione dell'errore e del male, dai quali si propagano le funeste credenze di peccato, malattia e morte».

Possiamo fare della nostra vita individuale un salmo di lode a Dio oggi stesso — un canto di gratitudine per le realtà spirituali del nostro essere — non perché speriamo che questo ci porti un maggior bene, ma perché queste realtà spirituali stesse sono tutto il bene che cerchiamo. I mutamenti nella nostra situazione umana — miglioramenti nella salute, nel nostro benessere e nei nostri introiti, ad esempio — sono gli effetti simultanei ed inevitabili, non le ricompense, di una simile lode e gratitudine. I motivi della nostra gratitudine ci bastano!

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I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. Psalms 9:1

Chess board thoughts

Whatever your view of society's rules, Or procedures that you would deride, Bishops still move diagonally, Rooks, forward and side to side.

Paul Armstrong

Daedalus

Daedalus fashioned, pounded delicately a golden honeycomb, Working with small tools, Made infinitesimal honey bees And sent them as a treasure to the king.

Katherine Saunders

Along the way

Dear God, how it hurts To live in tiny spurts: To be alone and in need, of being a tree, yet just a seed.

Jack L. Anderson

Child birthday

Great with child are we all — with child that we are.

Richard Henry Lee

The sculptor

Longing bred wings on this uneager stone. Love fed each stroke into the sculptor's skill. Passion had made the impersonal his own Until he had quarried glory to his will, Until this truth was his and his alone.

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"First the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear"

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The Monitor's view

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Why foreign aid?

There is mounting talk these days about whether America is again going "isolationist." It can be argued that the nation's global involvements, necessitated by an increasingly interdependent world, have never been greater. Yet, to our concern, there is some evidence of a "turning inward," of a lessening of care about the world outside.

The steady decline in American economic aid abroad illustrates this disturbing trend. In the early 1960s the U.S. provided some 60 percent of the aid flows from the countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. That figure is now down to 30 percent. Among the 16 OECD nations the U.S. ranks 15th in terms of amount of concessional aid granted as a share of gross national product.

Again this fiscal year Congress is appropriating far less than the administration asked for. President Ford wanted roughly \$8 billion. The Senate and House conference has compromised on \$3.6 billion — a cut of more than one third.

The slash is politically expedient. At a time of recession at home it is unpopular for lawmakers to vote foreign aid programs. However, this is a short-sighted view of America's long-term interests. A return to "economic nationalism" will only aggravate the total world recession as well as that of the U.S. When less money is made available to nations abroad, they cut back on American imports. A large share of foreign aid, it should be remembered, comes back to the U.S. in the form of purchases of American goods.

It should also not go unnoticed that Congress is often inconsistent in its deeds as against words. Who does not remember the brouhaha

raised by legislators at the time of the World Food Conference because the administration did not take a bolder posture of help for the world's poor. Yet the administration's request for \$548 million in technical assistance for food and nutrition programs has been trimmed back to \$300 million.

Further, while the Congress has cut appropriations for Indo-China and multilateral institutions, among others, it is leaving aid authorizations for the Middle East intact. It had even boosted the amount asked by the administration for supporting assistance to Israel from \$100 million to more than \$300 million.

The various excisions are all the more regrettable because American foreign aid programs now are supposed to be operating under a new congressional mandate: No more bonanzas for dramatic projects like steel plants and dams but a focus on such grass-roots needs as agriculture, health, and education.

Some argue that other nations of the world should now help bear the aid burden which America has carried so generously for so many years. True, and the fact is they are. The wealthy oil-producing nations, for instance, are giving more aid. The Common Market nations only recently signed a five-year treaty calling for \$4 billion in aid for African and other developing countries.

The need today is not to substitute the aid of other industrialized and rich countries for American aid. It is to boost the absolute totals of aid everywhere. If the current trend of a widening gap between the rich and poor nations of the world is not arrested, the cost in political, economic, and even military consequences could be far greater. Humanitarianism not only has a moral imperative; it is a matter of world stability.

'A bicentennial of achievement'

No applause greeted Patrick Henry's famous cry of "Give me liberty, or give me death" when it was delivered on March 23 just 200 years ago. "The effect was too deep," wrote an early biographer. Many Americans are trying to preserve some such deep effect in modern terms. They do not want the hoopla, controversy and commercialism surrounding the nation's bicentennial to destroy its potentiality for renewal of progress toward America's ideals.

"We are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature has placed in our power," said Henry in one of the less quoted passages of his speech. He was referring to meeting arms with arms after 10 years of argument in the cause of freedom had failed.

But America's problems today do not require arms. From the economy to civil rights to the whole quality of life, they require a latter-day equivalent of the sustained zeal and effort that made the long struggle for American independence so much more than a date to be celebrated on the calendar.

Along with all the events to honor America's past, what is needed is "a bicentennial of achievement," as it was phrased recently in the New York Times by John D. Rockefeller III, chair-

man of the board of a citizens' group called the National Committee for the Bicentennial Era. "We need to see it as an opportunity to come together and begin the hard, tough work of planning and accomplishing what must be done if this nation is to grow and prosper."

Mr. Rockefeller's group proposes a 13-year "commitment to renewal" rather than a mere birthday party. But a symbolic span of years is less important than a rekindled impulse to prevail over present adversities — even as the embattled colonists trusted they would prevail.

Such a freshened spirit and effort in American life call for more of the national leadership that seems to be emerging from the much-criticized federal bicentennial machinery. The national arts and humanities endowments have been trying to encourage forward-looking projects as well as ones enhancing the American heritage. State and local agencies in historical regions are combining preparations for presenting their treasures to the public with such events as bicentennial forums on topics like the cities in America's third century.

The ultimate test will be what goes on inside each American as the nation's remembered glories offer goals to be ignored or aimed at again today.

Welcome, Mstislav and Galina

"I am so happy! I am so happy! Only here can I speak from the heart! Only here can I fulfill my life as an artist!"

Thus did Soviet cellist Mstislav Rostropovich express his profound elation and relief at launching, with his wife the soprano Galina Vishnevskaya, a new career in the West.

No doubt some of the fervent applause the two artists are enjoying at the outset of their extended U.S. tour is in appreciation of the Rostropoviches' courageous support of artistic freedom in the Soviet Union — particularly their sheltering of their friend, the novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

For their refusal to join in attacks on out-of-favor artists the couple had their careers drastically curtailed by the government. They were confined to concerts in the provinces — at one point to recitals on a riverboat — with a blackout on advertisement or mention of them in performance

reviews. It was to end the systematic five-year-long cultural banishment within their own country that the couple exercised their option of taking an "extended tour" outside the Soviet Union, with the tacit understanding that they will not likely again return.

The dramatic intensity as well as technical skill of performances by Mr. Rostropovich and Miss Vishnevskaya had made them favorites of Western audiences before recent events made them lions of the creative rights movement. And inevitably it will be their artistic gifts, not their political celebrity status, that will make permanent room for them in the free artistic world.

Nonetheless, one can only join Americans in enthusiastically greeting the Soviet couple on their concert tour and affirming with them the "right to speak out openly and truthfully," musically and otherwise.

Withdrawal problem



The Christian Science Monitor

State of the nations

The Vietnam story

By Joseph C. Harsch

Obviously, we are approaching the end of the story of American involvement in Vietnam.

We can't yet see the shape of the last chapter. The withdrawal of South Vietnam government forces from the provinces of the Central Highlands does not necessarily forecast the eventual disintegration of the government and culture which Americans so long and so expensively supported.

The abandonment of those provinces will make more military units available for defending the coastal plain and the major cities, all of which lie in the coastal plain. The ARVN (Army of the Republic of Vietnam) is by now a well-trained and veteran force. It is still well armed and still able to give a good account of itself in battle. It has not been defeated. It has been regrouped and given a less ambitious assignment.

The Central Highlands have all along been disputed territory even when American troops were there. It is mountainous, thinly populated, and the terrain is ideal for guerrilla operations. The ARVN has never controlled this territory. It has held the cities, but never the countryside. The effort to control the whole has been a major drain on ARVN energy and resources. It should be able to do better at less cost in defending the coastal plain.

The withdrawal may amount to a second partition of Vietnam. The Viet Cong is now unchallenged in its control of the mountain spine. But the cities and peoples of the coast are loyal to the government in Saigon. It will be very much harder for the Viet Cong and their allies from the North to overrun the coastal plain than it has been for them to consolidate their grip on the mountains.

So, we can't see the final outcome. But we can look back and try to see what mistakes were made and when.

Back in 1945 when the Japanese military effort was collapsing, the American OSS (Office of Strategic Services and precursor of the CIA) put agents into Indo-China. They met Ho Chi Minh and provided him and his followers with money and weapons. They recommended to Washington that the United States use him as the principal vehicle for the organization of a new government in the wake of the departing Japanese. That advice was supported in the Southeast Asia section of the State Department, but it was eventually overruled on the ground that the French wanted to return to Indo-China.

Ho Chi Minh himself wrote to Washington asking for American aid. But Washington put the interests of France first, for the sake of American policies in Europe.

Suppose the verdict in Washington had gone the other way. What would the situation be like in Southeast Asia now?

The story of Yugoslavia gives us useful clues. The issue in both cases was much the same. Could the United States back a Communist regime against the old order? It was done in Yugoslavia. Tito was backed first by the British. Washington reluctantly followed the British lead. Yugoslavia was communized. But it turned into a native variety and quickly broke with Moscow. Marshal Tito never accepted Moscow discipline. Yugoslavia

pursues its own independent foreign policy and its own independent variety of communism to this day.

It cannot be proved that the story of Yugoslavia would have been paralleled in Indo-China had Washington backed Ho Chi Minh in 1945 as it backed Tito in that same year. But there has always been an independent spirit among the peoples who live under the southern rim of China. They have traditionally been deferential to China, but never subjected.

Ho Chi Minh was as much of a man, and as much of a folk hero to his people, as Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia. Had Washington backed him, the chances are reasonably good that he would have behaved like Tito and played the great powers against each other to keep himself and his country independent of any one of them.

If that had happened, Indo-China today would presumably be Communist, but independent of both Peking and Moscow. There would be no civil war and no bloodshed.

Which would have been the lesser evil, what might have happened or what has happened?

Meaningful limitation of strategic nuclear arms seems to be difficult if not impossible using the route of United States-Soviet negotiation. The force ceilings set at the Vladivostok summit, Secretary Schlesinger cautions, will compel the U.S. to produce a larger strategic force than it would otherwise have programmed.

The Vladivostok agreements put a lid on the U.S.-Soviet competition only if one assumes irresponsible men in Moscow and Washington would otherwise expand their nuclear arsenals in a frenzied orgy with no record for practical utility. Any of the goals advanced for strategic planning in recent years — "sufficiency," "equivalence," or "equal security" — could be achieved by freezing or cutting existing inventories of nuclear weapons.

If negotiations offer no more promising results than those achieved at Vladivostok, perhaps the U.S. should pursue arms limitation through unilateral initiative and mutual example. The principles of such an approach were summed up as "GRIT" — graduated and reciprocal initiatives in tension-reduction — by psychologist Charles Osgood in the early '60s, and found almost textbook implementation in the 1963-64 detente policies of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson and Chairman Khrushchev. The same approach underlay the Nixon-Kissinger approach to Peking in the early '70s.

How could GRIT be applied to the present nuclear impasse?

First, Washington would declare its intention to embark on a long-range plan supplanting the arms race with a peace race. One third of the resultant savings in military spending would be devoted to environmental-economic problems in the "third world"; one third to similar problems in the U.S.; and one third to tax relief for U.S. citizens. Washington would challenge Moscow (and other nuclear powers)

Readers write

'National parks budget'

To The Christian Science Monitor:

The article in the Monitor titled "National parks budget holds up" is seriously misleading. Inadvertently, the author has created a feeling of euphoria around a budget situation actually in a state of crisis. In fact, the budget squeeze is forcing the National Park Service to lay off enough staff to leave 1,378 permanent positions unfilled in the coming year.

Budget and personnel constraints are holding the Park Service to minimum operating levels. The personnel ceilings alone have forced the service to develop contingency plans for closing some national parks to public use this year. Under these circumstances, Teddy Roosevelt would indeed not recognize his pet project, and he would certainly berate us for not publicizing the problem.

Last year Congress was active in authorizing new areas — 12 in all, including the Big Thicket, Big Cypress, the Cuyahoga Valley, and a number of national monuments and national historical sites. In the last four fiscal years, the National Park System has grown by over 7 percent. However, the federal budget requests, and especially the OMB-imposed ceilings on National Park Service personnel, have not kept pace with this growth.

Toby Cooper

Administrative Assistant for Parks
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Washington Association

To The Christian Science Monitor:

I was astounded to read your article proclaiming that the National Park Service (NPS) budget "holds up" and that fiscal year 1975 has been "kind" to it, merely because Congress recently authorized several new national park areas.

The author misunderstands congressional budget procedures. Authorization does not mean that funds immediately become available. When Congress authorizes legislation — whether for a park or almost anything else — it determines how much money is needed to do the job and sets a ceiling on how much can be spent. However, none of the authorized money is released until Congress appropriates it. Each year, the President presents his budget proposal to Congress, requesting specific amounts for all government programs. Congress sets its own priorities, lowers or raises the President's request (but never over the authorized ceiling), and passes a law which allows the government to spend it.

An example of how this works is the new Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, enacted on Dec. 27, 1974. A unique natural area located between the highly industrialized cities of Akron and Cleveland, the Cuyahoga Valley will fill a major recreation void in a populous part of the Middle West.

Congress authorized a six-year, \$34.5 million land acquisition program for the park. Because it was

enacted too late for last year's budget, the Cuyahoga Valley will receive no acquisition funding until fiscal 1976, which begins on July 1 of this year and ends on Sept. 30, 1976. The President's budget proposes only \$1 million for the Cuyahoga for that period of time, at the end of which, if Congress concurs with the President's request, the park will be almost two years old and not much further along than when Congress authorized it.

As to the outlook for fiscal 1975, which the author says is "also encouraging," a close look at the President's budget for NPS reveals just the opposite. Despite the recession and double-digit inflation, the budget proposal shows a mere 1 percent increase for NPS, with a \$5 million cut in planning and construction from last year, a reduction of almost 100 permanent employees from 1974 — about 1400 fewer than Congress has authorized — and a \$4.4 million decrease in grants for historic preservation. No funds have been requested for the initial operations of the eleven areas added in 1974, which means no staffing and no new facilities for public use.

Unless Congress decides to appropriate more money than the President has requested, our national park system will face serious problems in the coming years. The ultimate loser will be the American people — and our nation's precious natural and historical treasures, which once lost may never be redeemed at any price.

John F. Seiberling

Washington Member of Congress

Optimum oil extraction

To The Christian Science Monitor:

I would like to present a thought in regard to the oil situation which is apparently at variance with everything the administration is attempting to accomplish.

I suggest that some knowledgeable body determine the optimum rate of extraction, compatible with an estimated duration of our own supply. This should then be the limit of domestic production, and should be allocated (rationed) for only essential uses, which would then not be dependent on the vagaries and vicissitudes of foreign sources. All nonessential uses could be taken care of by imports.

An administrative nightmare, I'll admit, but my feeling is that extraction must be controlled, or there will not be sufficient fuel for the inevitable (I hope not) military requirements.

Sacramento, Calif. Steve Graham

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Arms control by example

By Walter C. Clemens Jr.

to compete in this redistribution of resources.

Second, the U.S. would state its determination to undertake a series of unilateral initiatives which it hopes Moscow would emulate. These steps would demonstrate America's goodwill and serious intent though they would not erode the U.S. nuclear deterrent (which today remains at high levels of sufficiency if not overkill).

The extent to which the U.S. continued these reductions would depend, however, on whether and how they were matched by the U.S.S.R. Some time would be needed for Moscow to perceive that the U.S. initiatives were serious and to decide on reciprocal actions which were significant and not just cosmetic. The American initiatives should strengthen the hand of pro-detente forces in Moscow.

What weapons would Washington limit initially? An informed decision would require access to much technical information, but the U.S. could immediately stop all testing and further deployment of multiple warheads or larger warheads on existing land- and sea-based missiles. It could halt all underground tests of nuclear warheads and urge Moscow to join in a truly comprehensive test ban treaty.

Third, instead of continuing accelerated research and development of the Trident sub and the B-1 bomber, the U.S. would cut R and D on these and other advanced weapons by at least 20 percent in fiscal 1976.

Fourth, the total number of land-based missiles and strategic bombers could be cut by 5 percent this year and, if the U.S.S.R. took comparable action, by another 5 percent each year thereafter. (Cuts in U.S. submarine forces — the least vulnerable and

least provocative part of the present deterrent system — could come later.)

Fifth, tactical nuclear warheads in Europe (now numbering over 7,000) could be reduced by 10 percent this year and, if the U.S.S.R. reduced its intermediate-range missiles aimed at Europe, by another 10 percent for the next five years.

Looking beyond these important first steps, America could aspire — with Russian cooperation — to ceilings of 1,000 nuclear delivery systems of whatever kind each party chose (air, land, or sea-based) rather than the 2,400 authorized at Vladivostok.

In conclusion, the specific measures that might be undertaken can be debated at length. What is needed, however, is a high-level political decision — an act of enlightened statesmanship — to reverse the present lemming-like course and steer toward peace.

Many ideas expressed here, if implemented, could generate voter enthusiasm for the Republican cause in 1976. If the administration continues the arms race treadmill, however, the Democratic majority in Congress could enforce true GRIT through its control of the budget.

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Never be entirely idle, but either be reading, writing, or meditating, or endeavoring something for the public good.

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